

Tentative J-M labor accord

By VAUGHN PROCTOR
Staff writer

A tentative agreement has been reached in the labor dispute at Johns-Manville Corp., heralding an end to the longest work stoppage since the strike of 1952.

Members of Local 146, International Chemical Workers Union will vote on the agreement tomorrow, 7 p.m. in a mass union meeting at Lompoc High School. Workers could begin to return to work within a few hours of ratification but those details must still be worked out.

Details of the agreement were hammered out yesterday afternoon in a secret four-hour session in the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles. On hand were federal mediator Frank Allen; A.B. Marchant, senior vice president of

J-M in charge of employee relations; and Art Woods, chemical union international vice president and regional director.

Today, Allen said: "Both parties have arrived at a tentative agreement there was compromise on both sides." That statement indicated at least a tentative resolution of the two major stumbling blocks to peace: the status of a worker who had been fired and cost of living raises.

Allen said the agreement included a willingness by Marchant to negotiate the rehiring of Eugene Mitty who was fired by J-M for an alleged incident on the picket line on Dec. 28. Whether that statement meant Marchant had abandoned the company's previously adamant opposition to Mitty and was now

Secret session draws out 'compromises on both sides'

willing to rehire the man was not immediately clear and Allen declined to elaborate. The agreement also included a compromise on arrangements for cost of living increases. Allen said he preferred that specific details of the arrangements be kept under wraps until they could be explained to the union rank and file tomorrow night. Yesterday's agreement leaves intact previous decisions that will bring the workers raises of 14 cents an hour immediately; 13 cents an hour at the beginning of the second year of the three-year contract, and 13 cents in the third year. There are other adjustments in fringe benefits also approved.

First word of the tentative agreement came from Tom McCall, president of

Local 146, and until yesterday a co-negotiator with Woods. A few details were added later by John Hannah, union publicity chief; Allen added his word of confirmation this morning. There was no immediate word from J-M.

Yesterday's meeting was kept under a cloak of secrecy until it was concluded. Allen said the session "was very relaxed." "I wanted to avoid all the fanfare." He was referring to the publicity surrounding negotiations in Lompoc when more than 20 representatives sat down around the table. Despite the secrecy, however, Allen made it clear to this reporter last week that he was determined to bring the two sides back to the bargaining table immediately and that the

negotiators would be Woods and Marchant. Marchant flew in from J-M's Denver headquarters and Woods drove up from Los Angeles.

Ratification of the contract tomorrow night by rank and file unionists appeared certain, but Allen and the union leaders were playing it cautiously.

More than 500 workers were idled on Dec. 9 when J-M locked its doors to all except salaried and supervisory personnel. J-M ended the lockout on Jan. 20 with the announcement that the doors were now open to hourly workers. A few workers went back to work on call, but the next day, Jan. 21, the union voted that the terms of the company's offer to end the lockout were unsatisfactory. At that point the union called the status of

the dispute a continuation of the lockout, but the company said it was a strike. Some saw the strike designation confirmed in action by the state to disqualify workers from the \$90 a week unemployment compensation checks the workers had been receiving.

The dispute began officially on Oct. 24 when workers rejected a final salary and fringe benefit package, only hours before the old contract expired. However the workers remained on the job while negotiations continued on a sporadic basis. That status continued until the company action of Dec. 9.

Under terms of the new contract, that still must be ratified, workers will receive increases equivalent to \$1.72 an hour over the three-year contract. The amount includes a variety of fringe benefits in addition to wage increases.

North County board members boycott Exxon plant meet

By DICK PRAUL
County reporter

With North County supervisors boycotting the Exxon Corp. hearing last night, two Southcoast Supervisors conducted a tumultuous three-hour session which featured attacks on the oil company plan before some 1,000 persons in Santa Barbara.

Supervisor Frank J. Frost served as chairman and Supervisor James Slater was also on the rostrum.

The Supervisors' second hearing on the oil company's request for a rezoning of 1,500 acres in Corral and Las Flores Canyons, west of Goleta, for an oil and gas processing plant had been legally noticed for the auditorium of La Cumbre Junior High School last night.

But a squabble had broken out earlier in the day among four board members when it was learned that Supervisor Robert Kallman viewed as the swing vote on the issue, was going to be confined to Santa Barbara hospital suffering from an ulcer.

After the tiff, Supervisor Harrell Fletcher of Santa Maria said he would not attend the hearing in the school. Fletcher originally had opposed moving the hearing outside of Board of Supervisors Room in the county building.

Exxon attorney Stanley Hatch expressed concern during the late afternoon that if either of the pro-oil north county supervisors attended, Frost and Slater could "maneuver to have the project killed outright."

It was explained by the county counsel's office that motions could be made if there were only three or four supervisors present for approval of the

oil facility. In other words, Slater or Frost could make motions for approval of the facility, second them and then vote against them. A 2-1 or tied 2-2 vote would constitute a defeat of the motion. Hatch's fear was that the two anti oil supervisors could have killed the facility at last night's meeting if either Fletcher, of Santa Maria, or Beattie, of Lompoc, had shown up or even if both the north county supervisors had shown up without Kallman.

It was reported today that the same auditorium has been engaged for continuance of the hearing next Monday, but whether all five supervisors will be there was a question.

Kallman sent a note to the meeting saying he was hearing it live by UCSB radio. It was reported Kallman hopes to attend the board meeting and the hearing next Monday.

Hatch was charged with first proposing a continuance of the hearing at the board session yesterday afternoon and then changing his mind.

Hatch said Frost and Slater were engaging in "political parliamentary maneuvering in an attempt to kill the project."

But Slater replied that Beattie had wanted to go on with the hearing last night until he found the Exxon project might be defeated.

The large crowd, roaring approval at each speaker opposing Exxon, heard statements from former county supervisors George Clyde and representatives of GOO (Get Oil Out), State Senator Omer Rains, Santa Barbara coalition against oil, County Environmental Alliance and many other planning and citizens groups.

It was largely the opponents' night and virtually all speakers criticized north county supervisors for not being there to hear their input. They said they will have to state their views all over again now when other members of the board are present.

Weather

Variable cloudiness with showers likely today and chance of showers increasing tonight. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday with chance of rain during the afternoon. Little temperature change. Highs both days in the mid 50s to low 60s. Low tonight in the upper 30s and 40s. Small craft advisory for gusty southerly winds 15 to 25 mph today decreasing tonight.

Tides for Wednesday
High tides of 5.3 feet at 5:50 a.m. and 3.5 feet at 8:02 p.m. Low tide of minus 0.1 of a foot at 1:21 p.m.

House launches seventh panel to investigate CIA

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Democrats agreed today to create another special committee to investigate the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies.

The new panel will join a newly

created special Senate committee, the presidential commission headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller and at least four other House units which have already started probes of the CIA and other spy activities.

The 24-member Democratic Steering and Policy Committee voted unanimously to create the select House Committee similar to the one named earlier in the Senate.

The new 10-member panel, virtually certain to be approved by the full House, will investigate charges the CIA and the FBI spied improperly on Americans.

Ford seen open to tax compromise

ATLANTA (UPI) — President Ford today expressed a new willingness to accept congressional changes in his tax cut plan and reported that his economic-energy program has won some favorable support among leaders at home and abroad.

The President's remarks came at a breakfast meeting with Southern editors and broadcasters.

Ford, who came to Atlanta in an effort to win grass-roots support for his economic-energy proposals, said he had made "some headway" during a meeting Monday night with eight Southern governors. The governors, including George C. Wallace of Alabama, expressed cautious support for Ford's program.

He also said that his strategy for combating the world energy shortage and bringing down the high price of oil had drawn a generally favorable response from the leaders of some other Western industrial nations.

The leaders he specifically mentioned were West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Turning his attention to Congress, Ford said he could "go along" with a measure approved Monday by the House Ways and Means Committee that would allow an \$8.4 billion tax cut for low and middle-income

persons in 1975, including tax payments of up to \$200 for the working poor.

The committee is working today on a second proposal that would provide for \$6.9 billion or more in one-time tax rebates in 1974.

The House measure is "not too far from what we proposed," Ford said. But he added, "certainly want to read the fine print."

The President had proposed a one-time, \$12 billion individual rebate on 1974 taxes and a \$12 billion tax reduction in 1975.



THIS ROLLING RIVER was the Santa Ynez yesterday afternoon after a weekend storm that poured over 2.5 inches of rain on the Valley. A light tenth of an inch settled last night to bring the year's rain total up to 9.6 inches. Setting

out to cross the rapids near the FCI Bridge on a makeshift raft are Gary Ward, left, and Jeff Fick, both students at Lompoc Senior High School.

Glimpses

Last minute scramble under way to beat the Feb. 7 deadline for getting vehicle license tabs from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Council hopefuls stake out claims in first forum

By STEVE LA RUE
City editor

A four-way race for one open seat on the Lompoc City Council got under way on a spirited note last night as 70 citizens packed the multi-use room of the Lompoc Library to query the candidates in their first campaign outing.

Each contender was rewarded with applause at the forum, sponsored by the Lompoc Valley Jaycees. The hopefuls steered clear of attacks on each other, some saving their darts for the present council.

A special city election to fill the unexpired term of late Councilman Sol Lefkowitz — until 1978 — will be held March 4.

"I've learned a good deal about city business and how the city functions," said Elinor Lefkowitz, 1720 Sheffield Drive, of her 13 years here and her work with earlier city civic buildings and Civic Auditorium Restoration panels.

"Through my life, I have learned financial responsibility in business and in government," the former cost accountant and present civic group participant added. Business experience with construction companies elsewhere, she said, have also familiarized her with community planning.

"I think that good city government is management of the city's functions fairly and without favor," she summed up.

Alberta Morgan of 813 West College Ave., who has lived 13 years in Lompoc, said: "I think that the people here in

Lompoc need citizen input" and said this is what she's been working for before the council. "We should be able to have input in what we're involved in," she enlarged.

Asked why she is also running for a post on the Board of Trustees of the Lompoc Unified School District, Mrs. Morgan said: "I had no intention of running for the school board until I found out that millions of dollars were going for the County Regional Opportunity Program." She rapped this program for providing low wages (\$2 per hour) for students to train for occupations which, she said, are also poorly paid.

"I'm not being a hog trying to take two places," she said of her dual candidacy, "I feel that the city, the county and the schools should work together."

"If you don't want somebody who's going to work hard for you, don't vote for me," she summed up.

Crediting himself with 22 years in supervisory accounting and management jobs, Tom Green, 1524 East Lemon Ave., said the council is like "the board of directors of a multi-million dollar corporation."

"I believe my background in accounting and management has given me the background necessary to do that which is needed," Green, a 15-year resident, put forth. "You need experience in asking the type of question that would bring out that someone's trying to shove something down your throat."

Before arriving in Lompoc 10 years ago, Joe Valencia,

1317 North First Place, said he's helped draft the development plans for the Lompoc housing areas of Crestview Terrace, Cherry Park and Mission Hills. Since then, Valencia said, he's served on city commissions for seven years and as a leader in local youth sports organizations.

Valencia said: "The best social service is the well spent tax dollar" and added this is what he is promising if elected. Current chairman of the city Parks and Recreation Commission, the candidate pointed to this panel's work and youth sports programs successes as examples of his ability to get things done.

Mrs. Lefkowitz lists her occupation as property management, meaning, she said, that she manages rentals in homes she owns in other cities. Mrs. Morgan said she is unemployed and would have the time to be both councilwoman and schools trustee. Green operates his own local realty firm. Valencia is a systems analyst with ITT on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The four attacked the issues this way:

CITY GROWTH:

Green opened by staking out a position strongly supporting what he termed controlled economic growth that would "enhance our esthetic values" and promote "neighborhood acceptance."

"I believe that we must continue to pursue other

industries' locating in our area," he advanced.

Green backed ongoing city financial support of the Lompoc Valley Economic Development Association (LEDA) by saying: "At the present time there is no way you can measure what it might have done." The city contributes \$20 yearly to both LEDA and the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and Green indicated he thinks both allocations will prove good investments.

"I personally thank the Chamber of Commerce as our publicity agent," the candidate said. "Every organism grows to maturity, levels off and then dies unless there is new life or new activity. Are we ready to level off and die? Of course not," he said.

Valencia, who said he favors "a systematic approach for encouraging light industry to come into the area," opposed the city stipends to these groups. A better use for the money, he said, would be to invest in setting up a light industrial park where prospective incoming industries could conveniently relocate.

Calling city support of the Chamber of Commerce "traditional and kind of a necessity," Mrs. Lefkowitz said of the LEDA contribution: "The merchants are also supposed to support the economic development association . . . The last time I heard it, the dues from the merchants hadn't been made as much as expected."

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Board OKs changes in vets credits

By DICK PAUL
County reporter

The Board of Supervisors approved on initial reading Monday an ordinance designed to make changes in preferential credits awarded war veterans, and disabled veterans.

The proposed ordinance, which will come up for final reading next Monday, ran into opposition from Bernard Monahan, Goleta insurance man, on behalf of the 16th District of the American Legion.

Monahan expressed approval of one recommended change adding five points to total credits of veterans in qualifying score in open, competitive Civil Service examinations. Five per cent of qualifying score had been figured previously.

But he opposed other recommendations of the County Civil Service

Commission setting up a five-year limitation period of eligibility for preferential credits — except for disabled veterans, and requiring a minimum 30 per cent compensable, permanent disability to have 10 points added to total credits.

Supervisor James M. Slater questioned the need for preferential treatment in view of the new volunteer army being assembled in peacetime, with many returning to civilian jobs after such service. The board approved motions by Slater approving the recommendations this year, but also calling for further review of the situation next year by the commission.

In other matters, the supervisors:

—Approved a memorandum of understanding with State Wildlife Service providing that any kit fox — an endangered specie — may be taken for

rabies diagnosis if a situation develops wherein the animal attacks a person or a domestic animal. The San Joaquin kit fox is known to exist with the county rabies control area and may be host to the disease, the board was told.

—Approved request of agricultural commissioner's office that because of restrictive new changes and continuing problems resulting from improper use or handling of pesticides, the office clear all departmental requests for purchase of materials for pest control prior to authorization by purchasing department.

—Approved county resource advertising contracts of \$1,000 each for Danish Days in Solvang, and the Solvang Business Assn.

—Approved further staff reduction in office of Auditor-Controller Paul Floyd. Floyd has had three positions deleted in recent weeks.

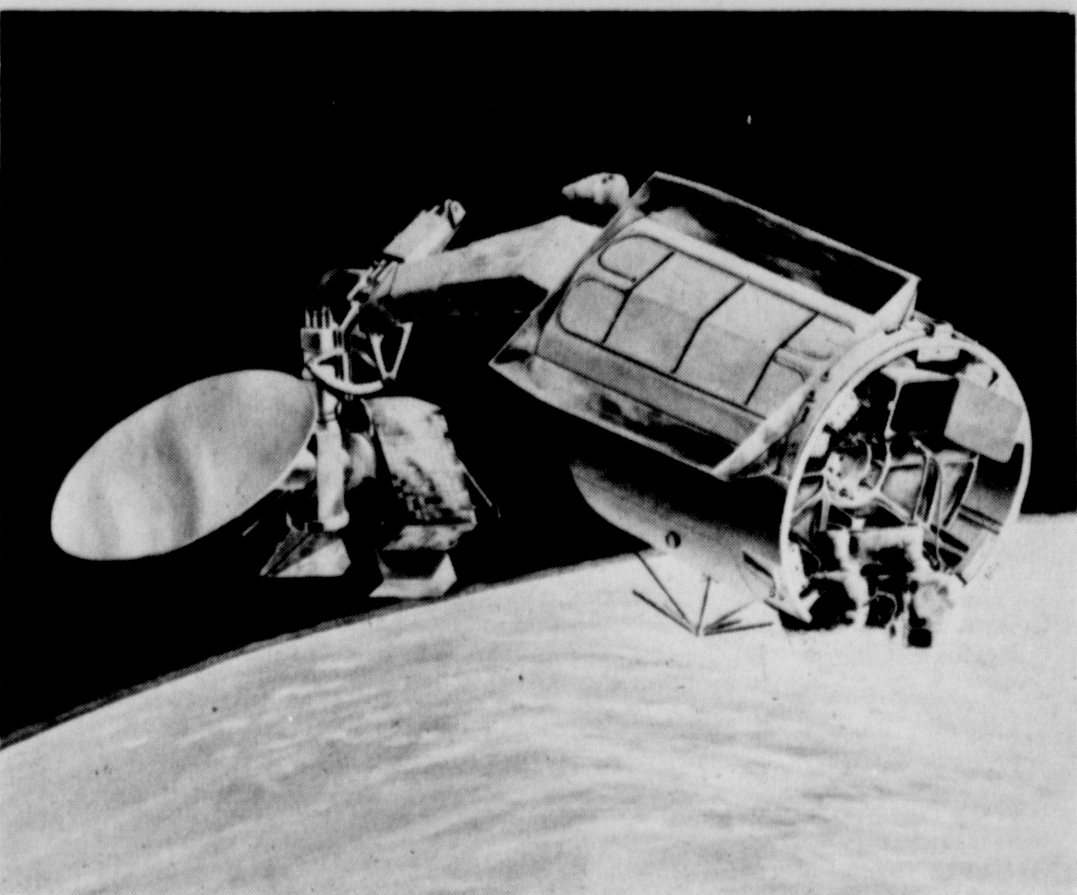
—Approved revised county

environmental guidelines as follows: (1) shorten competent appeal period for negative declarations from 14 to 8 days; (2) shorten period for comment on draft environmental impact reports not requiring state clearinghouse review from 35 to 31 days, and shorten period between publication of notice of completion and public hearing of a draft EIR not requiring state clearinghouse review from 48 to 34 days; (3) set out the present Office of Environmental Quality practice of waiving fees for environmental processing of all agricultural preserve applications; (4) Set minimum fee of \$250 for draft mini-EIR's prepared by county office.

—Approved creation of agricultural preserves and rezoning to 100-acre general agricultural for 146-acre property of Henry La Franchi, Orcutt area, and 276-acre Perkins-Larsen property in Happy Canyon, Santa Ynez

Valley. General Plan hearing change on La Franchi property was continued to July 14. Set public hearings Feb. 24 on applications of John F. Welty, Carpinteria Valley, and Willard T. Boston, Jr., Lompoc Valley, for preserves. The Welty preserve would be an annexation to an existing preserve. The Planning Commission while approving the Welty and Boston applications had recommended denial on applications of George and Jeannette Vieira and Clyde and Marie Thacker for preserves in Lompoc Valley area. Hearing on the latter was also set for Feb. 24.

—Set public hearings March 3 on proposal to add non-motorized bikeway plans to General Plan for the Santa Maria-Orcutt and Goleta Valley areas. The Goleta Valley plan will include proposal for the Class 1 bikeway route on Camino Pescadero, Isla Vista, between El Colegio and the ocean.



AN ARTIST's concept shows the Air Force satellite in Earth orbit. This multi-experiment spacecraft is due to be launched later this year by the Space and Missile Test Center at Vandenberg AFB. It is now undergoing pre-flight checks at Vandenberg.

Daily record

SCATTERED LIGHT showers added a sparse tenth of an inch of rain to Lompoc Valley areas overnight raising the season total to 9.71 inches. The total includes a correction from the season total which was provided the Record yesterday. Last year at this time there had been 9.95 inches.

THE LA PURISIMA Christian Service Committee will meet in the Convent downstairs room, 214 Olive, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. All Subcommittee chairpeople are requested to be there or have another report on their activity. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

AN INCOME tax review program will be given for senior citizens at the Center at 217 W. Maple by Mr. William Hansen C.P.A. on Friday, February 7 at 1 p.m.

A GROUP of Disneyland cartoon characters will visit Lompoc on Saturday, Feb. 8. The characters will romp and frolic with the crowd and special arrangements will be made to facilitate photographs of children with them. The visit has been arranged by the Missile Space Recreation Association that is sponsoring a Family Fun Nite at Disneyland on Saturday, March 1, which offers parking, admission to the park and unlimited use of the attractions. Tickets are available at Ski's Selectronics, 107 W. Ocean and Baldwin Music in the Plaza Shopping Center. Charter buses are being arranged by MSRA and passage may be purchased at Baldwin Music between 1:30 and 5:30 Monday thru Saturday.

THE MEXICAN Social Organization is sponsoring a public dance at the Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday, Feb. 8, starting at 9

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ON FEB. 11, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. a two-hour review of First Aid and Emergency Medical measures for lay and professional people will be held at the Day Room of the Lompoc Hospital. If successful, this type of program will be held four times a year. All are welcome. No admission. For further information call Cecelia Smith 6-1201.

THE CABRILLO Cafetorium will be the scene for an old fashioned Pops Concert, Thursday evening, Feb. 6 at 7:30. The evening will be a combination of a pastry social and light concert performance, in the manner of the famous Boston Pops Orchestra. The Cabrillo "Golden Crest" Drill Team members will serve concert patrons seated family style at tables while the school's Concert Orchestra, Concert Band, and Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform. Compositions will be "pops" music from many eras: "A Tribute To Glenn Miller," "Crescent City Suite," "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," "The King and I," "Ode for Trumpet," "March of the Olympians," "Son of a Preacher Man," "Fiddle, Fiddle," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever March" are only a few of these. The concert is free to the public and front row tables may be reserved free by calling 733-3811 before Feb. 6.

Lake Cachuma rates go up despite sportsmens' outcry

Representatives of several county sportsman's associations expressed opposition Monday to higher rates at Lake Cachuma County Recreational Area as recommended by the County Parks Commission and staff.

However, the Board of Supervisors voted approval of the higher rates suggested by County Parks Director Michael H. Pahos and supported last week by the commission.

The board's action makes the new rates effective March 1 and provides for an estimated revenue increase of \$77,000 based on current use of the park.

John Dwyer, of Lompoc Sportsman's Assn., pointed out that while the county has proposed another rate increase for park users for entrance fees, auto season pass, camping, and boat registration, that it is allowing comparative low rates for mobile home residents in the park under a private concessionaire.

Dwyer declared he opposed the increases at this time without an in-depth study being carried out initially.

Also protesting the increases as "unfair" to the park frequenters was Walter Bottelsen, of Santa Barbara.

Board approves grant request for Santa Maria rehab facility

County supervisors approved submission of a Sheriff's Department grant application Monday for \$237,000 in Federal funds for operating costs of the new county corrections and rehabilitation facility near Santa Maria.

Total costs of the project,

named in honor of retired Fifth District Supervisor Curtis Tunnell, of Santa Maria, are estimated at \$367,901 for 1975-76 fiscal year, the board was told.

The grant application specifically is for Project SAVE (Sentencing Alternatives Verification Effort).

The grant now being sought is the second application to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP).

Sheriff John W. Carpenter's office is developing a program directed towards sentenced adult inmates committed to the custody of the sheriff by the courts.

Administrative Officer Raymond D. Johnson said the "goal of the project is to identify, isolate, and modify behavior through treatment and to return to society persons convicted of crimes who are capable of correction, and thereby make productive citizens and reduce crime."

County supervisors previously appropriated revenue sharing funds totaling \$1,409,975 for construction of the new facility and addition to the sheriff's substation also in the same area.

Approximately 60 per cent of the substation addition is earmarked for the housing of female Project SAVE inmates. Johnson said Project SAVE "will utilize methods currently

used at the state level for evaluation and treatment of individuals. Key to the program, he showed, will be intensive counseling in individualized programs in the above-mentioned areas."

The inmates also will have access to the entire vocational and academic program offered by Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria.

Air Force readies research satellite for Atlas launch here

A research and development spacecraft due to be launched into space aboard a modified Atlas missile later this year has arrived at Vandenberg AFB.

The space craft, to be launched by the Space and Missile Test Center's 6595th Space Test Group, was developed by the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO) in Los Angeles and built by Rockwell International at Seal Beach.

The satellite will contain five experimental payloads. The two primary experiments concern a pair of radiometers developed by the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, and Rockwell International to make measurements of seasonal and geographic changes in "background" radiation coming from the earth.

One experiment is designed to find out how well radar signals will carry through the ionospheric layer of the atmosphere. Another contains a sensor and information-processing circuits designed to map the distribution of aerosols in the stratospheric layer of the atmosphere.

The spacecraft will be launched atop an Atlas "F" booster from the Space and Missile Test Center's Space Launch Complex 3. The booster, which was once one of the first generation of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, was taken from

storage at Norton AFB and is being refurbished by General Dynamics Convair Division at Vandenberg for the mission.

Once it is separated from the Atlas, the satellite will be placed into a 400 mile polar orbit. The satellite is expected to operate for a minimum of six months, with the capacity for an additional six months of service. The experiments will be supported by an electrical power system, with power coming from solar cells and-or two Nickel Cadmium batteries.

Information gathered by the satellite will be relayed to one of several ground stations by a

telemetry, tracking, and control system. The satellite is approximately sixty inches in diameter and about eight feet long.

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'Suppressed' film may point to Kennedy death conspiracy

A decade later, President's assassination still a fresh wound

WASHINGTON (UPI) — "Reading the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination was like ripping the bandage from a still fresh wound," wrote Merriman Smith, who was there.

A decade later, the wound may not be healed. Robert Groden says more than one person was involved in the assassination of President John Kennedy, that Lee Harvey Oswald had nothing to do with it—and that he has the film to prove it.

Groden is a New York photographer and optical specialist. He showed the film Monday at a news conference called by political activist Dick Gregory, who said last week he had evidence indicating the Central Intelligence Agency was involved in the Kennedy assassination.

Gregory said the film was partially to back up those allegations. Groden said the film was a blown-up version of the Abraham Zapruder film, the only one of the actual shooting, and that it showed "as many as four, possibly five" persons were shooting at the president, and proves Oswald "had nothing to do with the assassination."

He said the film was the property of Time Inc. but refused to say how the film was obtained.

This was the same film the Warren Commission studied before concluding Oswald acted alone in the killing of Kennedy.

Kennedy was killed in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 22, 1963. Oswald was arrested for the assassination and was himself killed in the Dallas police headquarters by a bystander, Jack Ruby.

The film, enlarged and shown in slow motion, showed Kennedy being hit in the head. Groden said the film shows the force of the

bullet pushing Kennedy back and to his left, indicating he was shot from the front and not from the back as was originally thought.

The film also shows two men Groden said were shooting at Kennedy. One was behind a pedestal on a grassy knoll in front of the motorcade. The other is also in front of the motorcade, under a low tree, and his head is visible on the film.

Groden said he is carrying a rifle, but it is hard to distinguish the "rifle" from the tree branches. Both are blurred in the film.

Groden said at least six bullets were fired at Kennedy—not three as the Warren Commission had concluded.

The first shot missed the president and hit a street curb, he said, and was later removed by the FBI. He said the second shot was fired from behind and hit Kennedy in the back and the third shot hit then Gov. John Connally of Texas in the shoulder.

The fourth, shot from behind, he said, hit Kennedy in the head and then the fifth hit Kennedy in the front of the head and lifted him backwards.

"The shot from behind that hit him in the head and then the one from the front were fired in less than one-eighteenth of a second," Groden said.

He said a bullet fired from Oswald's supposed position in the window of the Texas Bank Depository would have hit Kennedy at a different angle than any of the wounds he received.

Gregory said the film was suppressed for 11 years because "it was limited to excerpts and still photographs that failed to show the important points of the film and its implications."

Gregory said he will meet with the Rockefeller commission presently investigating CIA activities, and more evidence will be released in the next three or four weeks on the assassination.

The nine members, chaired by Chief Justice Earl Warren, took 10 months after John Kennedy's death, Nov. 22, 1963, to prepare their report. It made two significant points, both criticized for years:

—"On the basis of these findings, the commission has concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin of President Kennedy."

—"In its entire investigation the commission has found no evidence of conspiracy, subversion or disloyalty to the U.S. government by any federal, state or local official."

Since John Kennedy, his brother Robert and the Rev. Martin Luther King were killed, a whole breed of assassination buffs have been spawned—men and women able to list the grisly events in Dallas with the ease of a baseball fan remembering the plays in a World Series game.

The Watergate disclosures gave credibility to what once seemed flights of fancy. Employees of the White House caught bugging the opposite party. The No. 2 presidential aide convicted in the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. Four of Richard Nixon's top aides convicted of obstruction of justice.

In this atmosphere, a new series of statements has been made about the President's assassination which include:

—A statement by the office of Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Tex., that he would seek a congressional investigation into political assassinations.

—A copy of Washingtonian magazine, currently on news stands, makes no new charges, but finds it significant that Watergate figure E. Howard Hunt was in Mexico City when alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was there seeking a passport to Cuba.

For many persons who remember what they were doing when they heard Kennedy was shot, new discussions of the

assassination evoke memories like those of Smith, the late UPI reporter who was four cars away from Kennedy when the gun went off. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting. He was on the team that spent three days with the 888-page Warren report.

"While examining the dry language of reports on the Kennedy autopsy performed after his body was returned to Washington, I felt an uneasy chill of remembrance," Smith wrote in September, 1964.

"When the Kennedy car stopped at the entrance to Parkland Hospital that sunny afternoon, I ran to the side of the vehicle. The President was face down on the back seat, inert and for all practical measurements, dead at that moment."

"Mrs. Kennedy cradled her arms around his head and I reported at the time she seemed to be whispering to him," he continued.

"From the Warren Commission, I learned she was saying 'I love you Jack.' But he didn't hear her. He had heard nothing since Oswald's second bullet blew away part of his head. The autopsy said the head wound measured five inches at its greatest diameter."

Smith said he and some of the Secret Service agents on duty had terrible dreams.

"Over a period of weeks—perhaps months, for I lost count—not a night passed without my hearing in troubled sleep those three sharp rifle shots... the scream of sirens... the skidding stop in the hospital driveway... brown bubbles coming from the chest wound of Gov. John Connally of Texas... the dark stain spreading down the suit of the face-down Kennedy," he wrote.

"This awful nightmarish period passed eventually, but it comes back again occasionally. And now the Warren Report. Dear God, may I never dream again. At least not this dream."

Viet leaders, publishers protest newspaper closings

SAIGON (UPI) — Politicians and publishers today condemned the government's closing of five newspapers and the arrests of newsmen in the most severe crackdown on the press since President Nguyen Van Thieu took office.

Fifteen opposition representatives in the National Assembly demanded, "Thieu must resign at once. He is the enemy of democracy, freedom and justice. Thieu means war and corruption in the army."

A newspaper publishers' group called the Committee for the Struggle for the Freedom of the Press said in a statement, "Thieu killed five papers that dared tell the truth."

The government Monday revoked the licenses of five of Saigon's 11 Vietnamese-language dailies and announced it had arrested "a number of underground Communist cadres operating in the editorial offices" of the papers. Police sources said at least 15 publishers and

journalists were being held.

The permanent closing of the papers was the first such government move since the military overthrow of the late President Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963.

The government confiscated the Monday editions of four other newspapers. All nine published a "political indictment" of Thieu issued by an opposition activist, the Rev. Tran Huu Thanh.

Some observers here saw the closings as a move by Thieu to silence opposition to his government.

They said the action also could prompt fresh opposition to Thieu in the U.S. Congress, which already has expressed reluctance to approve a request for \$300 million in additional military aid for Saigon.

Intense fighting erupts Ethiopian rebel conflict

ADDIS ABABA (UPI) — Intense fighting erupted today in the streets of Asmara where hundreds of rebels in civilian clothes slipped past government troops trying to crush the Eritreans' 13-year-old independence struggle.

A massive airlift hauled out hundreds of American and European nationals trapped in the embattled provincial capital since full-scale fighting erupted in the area Friday. At least 300 Americans were stationed in Asmara.

Fearing the capital may come under attack in this hardest fighting in the history of the separatist movement, Ethiopia's military rulers sent hundreds of troops into the streets of Addis Ababa, and put additional guards on the airport.

Residents said fighting flared anew in a score of places in Asmara after a comparatively quiet morning when scattered gunfire was heard.

"Many of the Eritreans are just wearing civilian clothes and it is almost impossible to tell what is happening," an Italian resident said. "The army is firing at anything moving."

Diplomatic sources said the rebels attacked oil storage dumps around the city and blew up a major bridge leading to Asmara, isolating a relief column of several hundred tank-supported troops from the main army units in the town.

Ford's advisers affirm more joblessness, recession due

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford's chief economic advisers said today recession and unemployment will worsen in the months ahead. They said "consumers hold the key" to freeing the nation from its economic doldrums.

The three-member Council of Economic Advisers predicted an upturn in economic activity later this year. But it said that for the next five months, the downhill slide into deepening recession "is likely to be severe."

In fact, the council said: "The momentum of the decline is so great that a quick turnaround and a strong recovery in economic activity are not yet assured."

This gloomy assessment of the nation's economic plight was part of the Economic Report of the President, an in-depth study prepared each year by the CEA and sent to Congress a day or two after the budget message.

In accompanying remarks, Ford said the United States was experiencing a "severe recession." He urged Congress to act quickly on his package of

individual income tax cuts, business incentives and petroleum tax increases, as well as his \$52 billion deficit budget for the coming fiscal year.

CEA Chairman Alan Greenspan told reporters that the size of the administration's budget deficit "makes me uncomfortable," and that two years of unemployment averaging about 8 per cent "is not acceptable."

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DARTS will be one of the games this Friday night as La Canada School PTA and the Student Council co-sponsor the annual Fun Fair fund-raising event. Trying her hand is Patty Burri, pictured with George Work, Carol Stickney, Craig Stickney, the clown, and Judi Sazani. Ring toss, make-up and fish pond booths will also be offered. Slotcar races will be a big feature with ribbons for all and a trophy earned each hour. A general store will feature handmade crocheted and knitted items, crafts, candles, books and plants among other things. Hot food and popcorn will be sold and the clown will sell balloons. The public is invited. Hours are from 6-9 p.m.

Laila Moore is the worthy chief

Companions install new officers

A colorful ceremony was that of Honda Circle 708 Companions of the Forest of America as officers were installed at Alpha Clubhouse. Laila Moore is the new worthy chief companion. Also taking their official pledges were: Virginia Grossini, chaplain; Mary Trigueiro, junior past chief companion; Germaine Kern, sub-chief companion; Pearl Bromser, recording secretary; Henrietta Thompson, financial secretary; Edna Truesdale, treasurer; Marguerite Bounds, right guide; Laura Henderson, left guide; Malvina Brom, outer guard; Olivia Rose, inner guard; Marguerite Winter, Edna Wurl and Frances Domingos, trustees.

Elaine (Mrs. Reuben) Carlson, deputy grand chief, was the installing officer, Mrs. Bromser, installing marshal. Miss Eva Jacobs was pianist. Visiting for the occasion was Marion Armentrout of Morro Bay, grand trustee of California.

As a welcome to her office the worthy chief was presented with a bouquet of lilacs and yellow dogwood blossoms as a

gift from the circle. She wore a fresh orchid corsage, a gift from her sons. Large butterfly arrangements in lavender, purple and yellow were carried by her escort team as they accompanied her to the center of the hall where they formed a semi-circle. Elaine Carlson sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" before she was escorted to her station.

As the chaplain was escorted to her station, team members carried lighted candles, forming a cross. "The Old Rugged Cross" was the song selection sung by the Mmes. Moore and Carlson.

Fan shaped arrangements of turquoise net and pink flowers were the carrying pieces as the escort team formed an aisle as the junior past chief companion was taken to her station by the marshal. A gift from the circle, was her bouquet of pink roses. "Memories" was the song selection for the duet by the Mmes. Carlson and Moore.

Serving on the escort team were the Mmes. Thompson, Brom, Bounds, Henderson, Winter and Wurl.

Following a brief talk by the grand trustee, presentations were made. Mrs. Truesdale, president of the Past Chiefs Club, presented a gift to the junior past chief companion from the circle in lieu of a pin. Gifts were given by the grand trustee to the worthy chief companion, junior past chief and deputy grand chief. Gifts and cards were also given by members and the junior chief gave gifts to her officers of the year.

Fresh yellow carnation corsages were presented to the installing officers, the pianist and Minnie (Mrs. William) Zvolanek, appointed hostess by the worthy chief companion. Mrs. Bromser was appointed publicity chairman.

Lavender and yellow, chosen colors of the new worthy chief, were used in the dining room decor. Wall niches held bouquets of pastel spring flowers. Centering the refreshment tables were strings of miniature lights intertwined with silver garlands, artificial flowers and arrangements of yellow candles, daisies and baby's breath. Placemats and napkins, and lavender glasses were used at each table setting. Yellow tapers in crystal candelabra flanked a large sheet cake decorated with lavender and purple icing roses within a yellow border. The inscription read "Congratulations Laila and Officers of Honda Circle 708." Also served were sandwiches, punch, coffee and tea. Mrs. Carlson, who made the cake, was refreshment chairman with Mrs. Winter. As decorating chairman, Mrs. Winter was assisted by the Mmes. Bounds, Truesdale, Carlson, Thompson, Bromser and Wurl.

With the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Bounds falling on the meeting date, the two were honored by the group singing "Happy Birthday." Mrs. Bromser read the poems "January" written by Mamie Odum, and "Happy Birthday" written by Grace Easley. Both celebrants received many cards.

Next regular meeting of Honda Circle will be held Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in Alpha Clubhouse.

Dorais-Howerton nuptials held

St. Mary's Church is wedding scene

Now on their honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, Mr. and Mrs. James Eldon Howerton, nee Anita Joyce Dorais, were married Feb. 1 in an early afternoon ceremony at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Don Schutt of Valley Chapel officiated at the double ring service before an assemblage of 125 guests.

Parents of the bride are Al Dorais, 733-D N. Fourth St., and Frances Adore of Chowchilla. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howerton, 917 E. Pine Ave.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown styled with a lace bodice, seed pearl trimmed, a high neckline and long sleeves. Matching lace bordered her veil. Pink, yellow and aqua roses and daisies, and white baby's breath fashioned her bridal bouquet.

Miss Liz Balaam as honor maid, wore a gown of aqua satin with matching lace and carried a bouquet of aqua daisies. Miss Lisa Tronset as bridesmaid, wore a gown of yellow satin with matching lace and carried a bouquet of yellow daisies.

Raul Armenta served the bridegroom as best man. James Kirkland was the usher. In the roles of flower girl and ring bearer, were Maria Armenta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Armenta and Wayne Horenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Horenberger.

The Royal Coach Restaurant was scene of the wedding reception. Attending the guest book was Miss LaVerne Tronset. Miss Debbie Dorais, sister of the bride cut the tiered wedding cake topped by miniature bride and groom beneath a floral arch. Miss Cindy Cornejo served the punch.

For her daughter's wedding day, Mrs. Adore wore an aquamarine polyester shirtwaist with full pleated skirt, gold accessories and a white carnation corsage. The bridegroom's mother wore a blue and white polyester gown and white carnation corsage.

The bride is a mid-term graduate of Lompoc High School where her husband was graduated in 1972. He is presently employed by Gene Howerton Construction Co. Upon their return from Tahoe they will live at 916-A E. Pine Ave.



Mr. and Mrs. James Howerton
— Olivera photo

Pack 66 Cubs conduct derby

Cub Scouts of Pack 66 and their dads showed off their handiwork Jan. 30 as they entered their cars in the pinewood derby at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Winners in the double elimination race included:

Eight year olds — Sean Riddle, first; Kenny Laughman, second; Robert Carpenter, third.

Nine-year-olds — Ray McCuen, first; Ronnie Carpenter, second; Davis Barr, third.

Webelos (ten-year-olds) — Jay Cheney, first; Robert Hansen, second.

Following the final race, each winner received a uniquely designed plaque. Billy McNay and Charles Dandy each won a derby medal for best of design and painting.

First three winners in each age group will compete with Santa Maria Cubs in a derby to be held March 8.

Opening the meeting, Ray McCuen lead the Cub Scout families in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kenny Laughman offered the opening prayer.

Bobcat patches were awarded to new Cub Scouts: Frankie Centeno, Ben Graham and Davis Barr. Completing 12 achievements for the rank of wolf and receiving patches were: Ronnie Carpenter, Harry Mora and Robert Carpenter.

In keeping with the theme and excitement of the evening, all sang the "Pinewood Derby" song after which Harry Mora closed the meeting with prayer.

February is Scout Birthday and will be celebrated Feb. 27 with a Scout dinner.

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Certificates presented at Girls Club dinner

Certificates of appreciation and awards were an important part of the program as Girls Club of Lompoc Valley held its annual dinner and installation of officers. Royal Coach Restaurant was the setting. Stella Reed, Helen Smith and Alice Lopez, the special hostesses. As guest speaker, Robert Lilley recalled experiences of his youth in Lompoc Valley.

Introduced by Sandy (Mrs. Nathaniel) Skinner, Girls Club executive director, were four people who had been especially helpful to the club during her seven months service. Presented with awards were: Ivy and Rudy Huebner, Brian Darby of KNEZ and Tom Murphy of TelePrompeter.

Certificates were presented by Mrs. Reed to: Mrs. Skinner, Elinor Lefkowitz, retiring president;

Florence (Mrs. Clyde C.) Holley, vice president serving the last few months as president; Mineva Blades, retiring secretary; Margaret Hibbits, retiring treasurer; Helen Smith, honorary member and charter member of the board. Present from Quota Club of Lompoc, Councilwoman Charlotte Benton, Dell Nunnelee, Alice Lopez, Shirley Lilley, May Letson, the Mmes. Reed and Smith stood for the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Quota as the Girls Club founders.

A special recognition was also given to Mrs. Ruth Pollard for helping the girls at the clubhouse with their crafts. "Grandma Pollard" as she is affectionately known there, was celebrating her 83rd birthday anniversary. Jessie Ramming led the group singing of "Happy Birthday" and the Royal Coach provided a decorated birthday cake.

Councilwoman Benton served as installing officer for: the Rev. Kenneth R. Boyd, president; Ronald Boggs, vice president; May Letson, second vice president; Judith Burns, recording secretary; Ruth McPeck, corresponding secretary; Clarence Edmiston, treasurer; Jessie Ramming, assistant treasurer.

Col. Clark Holland named to Diocese

Colonel Clark O. Holland, (USAF, Ret.) has been elected to serve on the Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles for three years. He was also elected to attend the 1976 general convention of the Episcopal Church. Col. Holland is a member of St. Mary's parish. This will be his second term on the Diocesan Council.

As a delegate to the 1976 Convention he will be in on making decisions for the denomination regarding the priesting of women and prayer book revision.

The Rev. Stuart G. Fitch, rector of St. Mary's, states that Col. Holland's participation in the convention will give members of his parish more first-hand information on issues to be discussed.

He and Col. Holland plan Town-Hall meeting type sessions for presentation, reflection and feedback as the year progresses.

John E. Smith of St. Mary's has just completed a three-year term on the Diocesan Council.



FOURTH GENERATION of Lompocans, Benjamin Daniel Nisse, a Christmas 1974 baby, is pictured with the ladies who came before, from left: his grandmother, Mrs. Betty Leyden, 125 South K Street; his mother, Mrs. Daniel (Roxanne) Nisse, 607 N. Second St.; his great-grandmother, Mrs. Cecelia Sweet, 200 W. North Ave. Benjamin's father, Dan Nisse is employed at Safeway Stores.

—Photo by Victor B. Gallant II

Former POW's big adjustment problem — women's new role

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — A major problem for U.S. officers who spent years as prisoners of the North Vietnamese has been the adjustment to the more aggressive and independent role of women in American life—particularly their wives.

That was one of the conclusions of a two-year study of 591 former POWs by the Center for Prisoner of War Studies, said Army Capt. Hamilton I. McCubbin, in charge of the center's family section.

When the study began, most of the former POWs' wives—who had taken over as heads of their families while their husbands were captives—said they would give up their responsibilities and turn the leading role back to their husbands.

"But it was harder than they imagined," McCubbin said.

"They have established new identities legitimized by women's lib. For the first six months after their returns, it was a whole new ball game for the families to determine who did what. The divorce rate probably reflects how some of the

families decided to work it out," he said. The divorce rate was 27 per cent, which although sizable is well below the national average of more than 40 per cent.

"We don't consider this striking or unusual," said Dr. John R. Plag, the center director. "To compare the divorce rate with the rest of the United States you would be missing the boat because they are highly trained and talented individuals."

He said that twelve of the returnees had serious problems readjusting to freedom, six have drinking problems and six had "severe" mental problems, including one who has been hospitalized since his return.

The large majority of the returned POWs and their families have managed to cope with the experience, Plag said.

He called the returnees and their families "an extremely resilient and adaptive group of people who have very well withstood the stresses imposed upon them."

Southland assemblymen angry at required Thursday confabs

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Southern California assemblymen are unhappy about being required to attend afternoon floor sessions Thursday, their traditional get-away day.

Republican floor leader Robert Beverly of Manhattan Beach said Monday he has conveyed complaints about the requirement from Southern California lawmakers "several times" to Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy of San Francisco.

Assemblyman Mike Antonovich, R-Glendale, said the Thursday afternoon floor sessions made it difficult, if not impossible, for lawmakers to make travel connections to their south state districts for

Thursday evening functions. In previous years, the Assembly met on Thursday mornings during the opening months of the session, allowing for early afternoon flights away from the Capitol. This is the schedule currently practiced in the Senate.

A spokesman for McCarthy said the speaker was firm that the Thursday afternoon session would remain as part of his effort to avert the traditional logjam of legislative work at the end of the year.

The Thursday afternoon session, along with a Monday morning meeting on the floor, enables committees to hold hearings the remainder of the week without scheduling con-

flicts among legislators, the aide said.

Lawmakers who fail to attend the sessions and who are not officially excused by McCarthy face the loss of their \$30-a-day in living expenses for the Thursday session, and for Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well.

Antonovich said McCarthy, who travels only 90 miles to his district, was being "unfair" to assemblymen who must fly home to their districts by way of airports in Los Angeles, Ontario, Burbank and San Diego.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, D-San Pedro, the dean of the Assembly, was among the Democrats to complain of the new schedule.

Brown cuts spending on federal \$64 million anticrime program

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. said Monday he has halted spending under a \$64 million-a-year federally funded crime fighting program until he can make sure the money is well spent.

"At a time when the federal government is spending itself deeper and deeper into debt, and our streets are not safe at night, people are dissatisfied with government and I feel it is my job as a representative of the people to try to get at the fundamental issues," Brown

said. The Governor met with Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis, District Attorney Joseph Busch, City Attorney Burt Pines and other officials to discuss the workings of the criminal justice system.

Brown said "one thing that the chief (Davis) and I agree on is that fighting crime does not necessarily mean more money. I came here to understand the criminal justice system, how to make it do more work with less taxpayers' dollars."

The federal funds, adminis-

tered through the Law Enforcement Assistance Act, are distributed to local agencies through the California Council on Criminal Justice.

Brown said there is a "tremendous amount of money at the state level" being funneled to local communities.

"I have determined that we should not send any more down that pipeline until we find out what it's doing. What I want to do is make sure that at the other end of the pipeline it is well spent," he said.

Man says abducted by Patty Hearst; FBI not excited

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — "There she was as big as day ... and as soon as I saw her, I said 'My God, it's her,'" said Edward Carr, an artist and singer who says he was kidnapped by Patricia Hearst last week.

Police and the FBI confirmed that Carr, 32, had reported being kidnapped by the fugitive heiress. The FBI said his story was regarded as "just one more sighting" of the thousands — mostly unfounded—of such reports in the years since she was abducted.

The FBI said there was no federal offense involved and it is up to local police to investigate. Despite Carr's story "there is nothing to lead us to believe that she is in Los Angeles," said Assistant FBI Director William B. Sullivan, head of the Los Angeles office.

Police said Carr was given a lie detector test but the results were "inconclusive."

Carr said that two black women and a white woman approached him as he got out of his car in the parking lot of a Hollywood discount store and commandeered his car at gunpoint.

He said the white woman was called "Patty" by the others and was Miss Hearst. He said she wore hunting boots and a beret. "She had no makeup on. She was not disguised," he told television interviewers.

"There she was as big as day. Patty Hearst was standing there, and as soon as I saw her I said, 'Oh My God, it's her,'" he said.

One of the black women held a pistol on him, he said.

He said they forced him to drive around the Hollywood area for 45 minutes, and that at one point, they stopped and Miss Hearst got out of the car and returned later.

In an interview with KPIX-TV of San Francisco, Carr said that Miss Hearst was carrying

a package, but still had it with her when she returned, remarking to the other women "He's not there." He did not mention the package episode in an interview with KACB-TV of Los Angeles.

The women got out of the car in front of Hollywood High School, he said, warning him "to keep my mouth shut." He reported the incident to police. In the televised interview he refused to allow his face to be shown on camera.

The area where Carr said he was kidnapped is the same neighborhood in central Hollywood which was the scene of the last confirmed report of Miss Hearst's whereabouts. Investigators have said they believe a businessman who said he was held briefly at gunpoint in his car by Miss Hearst and another SLA fugitive, Emily Harris, shortly after six other members of the SLA gang that kidnapped her perished in a fiery gunbattle with police last April.

Nuclear plant accidents more likely than believed — expert

SEATTLE (UPI) — The chances of nuclear accidents at reactors may be far greater than was previously thought, according to a former nuclear consultant.

Carl J. Hovevar said Monday that nuclear safety has for the past 10 to 20 years been no more than a matter of gut feeling. He said research is showing previous estimates of slim chances for nuclear accidents to be inaccurate.

For example, Hovevar said, the Atomic Energy Commission originally projected the chances of a nuclear cooling system failing at only one in a million.

Revised projections now put the chance of failure at one in 17,000, he said. "More research could show the chances are even greater," he said. "When the Apollo project was under way, chances of system failure were put at one in 10,000. In reality, the chances turned out to be

one in 25."

Hovevar, speaking for the Union of Concerned Scientists, proposed a moratorium on nuclear plants until more research has been completed.

Hovevar was once a Boeing engineer and spent seven years working on nuclear-system safety for a sub-contractor at the Idaho Falls National Reactor testing station.

He resigned last year because of what he called mounting frustration of a lack of national policy on nuclear safety.

Hovevar suggested that until a ban on nuclear plants could be lifted the nation's energy demands could be met through a combination of conservation and construction of coal-fired generating plants.

He said the U.S. has the technology to build cleaner burning coal mines and to mine coal more safely.

Pension loophole law falters: Assemblyman would lose benefits

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Legislation aimed at plugging a retirement "loophole" for certain local officials founded in the assembly today after one legislator voiced worry that he might lose some of his own pension benefits.

The bill (AB309) by Assemblyman Tom Suitt, D-Indian Wells, is aimed at stopping local officials, mostly rural sheriffs from collecting public employees' retirement while still serving in office.

But Assemblyman William A. Craven, R-Oceanside, told fellow members of the Public Employees and Retirement Committee Monday that a proposed draft of the bill was so comprehensive "it would wipe me clean" from pension benefits he draws from previous public service.

Craven explained he draws a pension for 16 years as a San Diego County supervisor and staff member before his 1973 election to the Assembly.

The committee also listened to concerns from lawmakers

that the bill, while comprehensive, would apply only to future cases and not to the eight local officials which Suitt said already have applied for the retirement "loophole."

State law enables certain local officials to retire between

the time they win re-election and when they are sworn in for a new term. Thus, they draw a pension plus salary when they resume office.

"I can see no reason for this except personal greed," Suitt told reporters.

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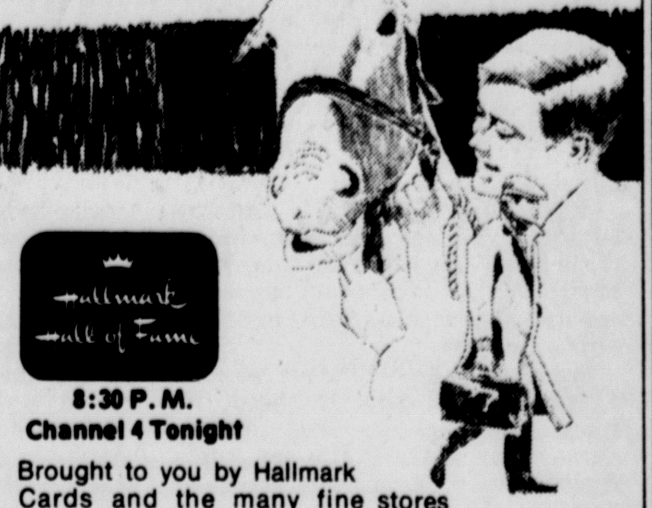
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NL basketball thrills: one more round

In terms of excitement, the first half of the Northern League basketball race was a success. The Lompoc Braves, for instance, won one game by two points, lost one in overtime, then won one by a single point. The Cabrillo Conqs had an overtime win and four other exciting comebacks, three of which worked. Even the San Luis Obispo Tigers, who don't have a league win yet, never lost a game by more than 12. The second half of league play opens tonight, although none of the action takes place in the Valley. Lompoc (3-2) is at Arroyo Grande (2-3) and Cabrillo (4-1) at Santa Maria (2-3), both games at 7:30 p.m. Tonight's home teams will be trying to avenge first-round losses. Lompoc dumped the Eagles 47-45 and Cabrillo came from behind to trounce the Saints 89-63.

Santa Maria coach Kermit Young swallowed that loss hard, vowing that his team would refuse to play racehorse basketball with the Conqs the next time around. The Braves showed that the deliberate, non-break offense can work against Cabrillo, and the Saints will be trying to reinforce that theory. "The test will be Tuesday," Santos said after Friday's game. "If we're championship caliber, we'll bounce back against Santa Maria." If there's pressure on the Conqs, there may be more on the Braves. Starting league with a 3-9 record, the Braves have battled into contention, just a game behind the leaders. Dave Ellison, Lompoc coach, has noted an increase in poise and confidence in his young team (two sophomores, two juniors in the starting lineup).

The Eagles, like Lompoc, take a slow, easy pace. They've only broken into the 60's in scoring once in league, and that was in an overtime game against Cabrillo. Arroyo Grande's three league losses have been by a total of 16 points. If the Braves win tonight it will be the first time this season they have won back-to-back.

SCORING LEADERS — Ernie Wheeler (SLO) 17.2, Tom Shiffrar (SM) 16.0, Kendall Greene (R) 15.6, Mandy Simmons (C) 15.0, Carlton Roberts (C) 14.4, Dave Valentine (AG) 14.2, Ken Humbert (L) 14.2, Ron Adelheim (R) 13.2, Norm Coy (SLO) 12.3, Jeff Carroll (R) 11.6, Ed Martin (C) 11.2, Mark Gibson (AG) 11.2.

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But Army is charged up

Arnie's putts won't fall

HONOLULU (UPI) — As it has done hundreds of times, yea thousands of times before, the white golf ball headed steady and true for the cup, dipped in, and then suddenly resurfaced to dribble across the green. An entranced Arnold Palmer watched it, gulped, and shook his head. He acknowledged at the end of the tournament that the two in and outers Monday on the 8th and 14th greens at Waialae probably cost him the difference between the \$44,000 first prize and his third place check of \$10,340. The 45-year-old golfing idol to millions shrugged it all off with the explanation

that he had played as well as he had in the past two or three years, but just couldn't seem to pull it all together. "I was putting well and wasn't missing many greens," he said, "and, hell, I was getting closer to the pin today but still the end story was the putts I missed." But even with today's near miss, it adds up to the news that Arnie is back, which is what his army has wanted to hear. And the final word as he headed for Palm Springs was both a promise to his millions of fans and a threat to the rest of the pros on tour: "I'll be ready Wednesday."

Final 68 gives Groh Hawaii win

HONOLULU (UPI) — Gary Groh, \$40,000 richer and assured of a year's place on the pro tour, headed for Palm Springs today after winning the rain-delayed Hawaiian Open in an upset one-stroke victory.

The win was the first for the 30-year-old Michigan State dropout, who plays out of taxless Freeport in the Grand Bahamas. He stitched together two back-to-back 68s, a 70 and a 68 on the final round for his one-stroke win over Al Geiberger, who led the tournament for the first two rounds. Californian Geiberger dropped back after shooting a 71 Sunday, but then charged the last nine to finish with a 69-275 worth \$15,620.

Arnold Palmer, who gave his "army" hope by starting the final round one stroke behind leader Forrest Fezler, had trouble on the back nine and ended up with a 71. This, coupled with his 69-67-69 gave him a 276 valued at \$15,620.

Defending champion Jack Nicklaus had to be content with \$3,300 prize money for his 281. Nicklaus started off with a 68, but had wind trouble the second day and shot a 74. He finished with a 70-69.

Groh made news during the first round when he "blackened out" on the 12th hole by taking a nonchalant, casual swing at the ball as it lay poised on the edge of the hole.

"I guess I just blacked out," he said. "I just walked up to the ball and took an absentminded swing at it. I know one thing for certain—I missed it."

But Groh, whose father gave him his first club when he was eight, said the thought of that one missed putt never bothered him during the rest of the tournament.

"I settled down today," he said in describing his win, "and got only one bogey. I hit good drives all week but I was tired playing every day and was glad for the rain-postponed day off on Saturday."

Groh said he spent the day at the beach and credited the warm Pacific waters and relaxing sand for the renewed strength he needed to win.

The rains which forced a day's postponement Saturday cleared off for the final round, which was shot in hot, humid weather. It was the first time that the Hawaiian had been forced to cancel a day's play because of weather. A torrential downpour Sunday also delayed the proceedings for 37 minutes.

That's nothing, says Celt coach after big blitz

United Press International

Without cracking a smile, Tom Heinsohn said it: "We can play better." And Heinsohn's Boston Celtics were devastating in defeating the Detroit Pistons, 114-100, Monday night.

Don Nelson scored the 10,000th point of his 13-year career, Jo Jo White hit for 29 and Dave Cowens scored 18, grabbed 20 rebounds and ran Bob Lanier into a puddle of sweat.

Boston's 10th straight win ran its road record to 20-3, by far the best in the NBA. Detroit had a seven-game winning streak at home snapped and dropped into second place in the Midwest Division, .006 behind Chicago.

"I think we can play better," Heinsohn said, "if everybody contributes and when the rookies get more experience. They have to get used to the pace. Every once in a while, they have a good ball game."

The Pistons got 27 points and 11 rebounds from Lanier, who picked up 20 of his points in the first half, and 26 from Dave Bing, but that was it.

Nobody else got more than nine and the four forwards Coach Ray Scott used were 7-for-32.

Lanier hooked in the first points of the game but Boston ripped off the next six and the 10,962 fans might as well have gone home right then. Detroit pulled to within three, 46-43, with 3:47 left in the half but Boston zoomed out to a 59-47 intermission edge. The Celtics hit 13 of the 19 shots they tried in the second quarter.

In the only other NBA game Monday night, the Kansas City-Omaha Kings downed the Philadelphia 76ers, 100-87, while in the only ABA game, the Utah Stars held off the New York Nets, 111-106.

Kings 100, 76ers 87:

Larry McNeill had career-highs of 26 points and 18 rebounds to lead the Kings past Philadelphia. McNeill, a second-year forward, recently moved into the starting lineup for Ron Behagen. Doug Collins led the 76ers with 24 points and Nate Archibald added 23 for the Kings, who moved within 3½ games of the Midwest Division lead behind Chicago and Detroit.

Stars 111, Nets 106:

Moses Malone and Ron Boone combined for 59 points and Utah survived a last-minute New York rally.



IF A KNEE OPERATION has effected Mark Hall's wrestling, you'll never be able to convince Bill Wiedner, who is being pinned here by Hall in a recent league match. Hall came back quickly from an operation to repair torn knee cartilage. Photo by Dan Duffy.

Sheds pounds of ugly plaster

'Cast-off' Hall pins foes

By TIM STAFFEL

Last summer Cabrillo wrestler Mark Hall (5-9, 148-pound junior) was totting around a little extra weight.

Dave Long, Cabrillo wrestling coach, was quite concerned whether Hall could lose all the weight by the start of the grappling season.

The report from Hall's physician, Dr. Jean Michels, was gloomy. She could not foresee Mark stepping onto the Conquistador wrestling mats this year.

Mark's excess poundage was not caused by frequent face-stuffing, although by his own admission he likes to indulge in tasty treats occasionally. The weight problem was a cast on his right leg that protected a knee fresh from surgery.

Long had plenty to worry about, since Hall was a league champion at 138 last year and went on to place second in the CIF sectionals.

"Mark was probably one of the best and most successful sophomores we've had at the school," said Long.

"I anticipated another great year," continued Long. "And then this silly, unexpected, freak injury about ended his career."

Hall was in the Cabrillo wrestling room during a summer workout in July when another Cabrillo wrestler landed on Mark's right knee during a brief time out from practice.

"It twisted my knee," explained Mark. "I thought I sprained it so I tried to get it back into shape, but when it didn't happen I went to the doctor."

Hall's injury was diagnosed as a torn cartilage in his right knee, and after a few days of walking around with his leg in a brace, everything seemed to be okay.

But "I started wrestling again in August and my knee started bothering me again," recalled Mark.

It was back to the doctor, this time in San Luis Obispo, who detected a slight tear in Mark's right medial cartilage. When the doctor suggested surgery Mark said "fine," but protested a proposed delay of one month.

"I wanted to do it right away," stated Mark. "I really wanted to wrestle this year."

Hall rushed back to Dr. Michels, who took out the damaged cartilage, and Mark wasted no time in commencing his comeback efforts.

"Dr. Michels said that it (the cartilage) was really mutilated and worse than she thought," reflected Hall. "I started on getting my knee back into shape as soon as possible."

Unfortunately, however, Dr. Michels had a bleak outlook on Mark's wrestling activities for '75.

"She didn't think I'd be wrestling until after Christmas if then," remembered Mark.

However, Hall refused to lose sight of the goals he had set for himself — to wrestle this season, and wrestle well.

Hall began his comeback with flexing exercises in front of the television set and proceeded to swimming and eventually light weight lifting. Mark hit the jackpot earlier this year when Dr. Michels pronounced him sound enough to wrestle.

"She wanted me to wrestle," related Hall. "I'm sure she's a Cabrillo wrestling fan."

And Hall has wrestled this year. He is apparently well on his way to winning another league championship (this time at 145) as he has a perfect 9-0 Northern League log, and is one of the premier grapplers on a team that not only leads its league but is rated fourth in the entire Southern Section of CIF.

Early in the season Hall placed first in his weight class at the Simi Valley tournament and was named "Most Outstanding Wrestler" of the tourney.

"It's remarkable," stated Long in praising Hall and his successful comeback. "Within six weeks he was out exercising and within eight weeks he was back wrestling."

"It was all due to his initiative, drive, and desire to get back into athletics. I feel it is a compliment to him, his mother, and his family."

Outside of wrestling, Mark has proven himself to be no dummy as he carries a 3.6 grade point average.

"He takes pride in everything he does," said Long.

And the one thing he takes the most pride in is his family.

"We're real close," stated Mark. "My mother is a great help in wrestling. She comes to all the matches and is my most avid fan."

Mark has seven brothers and two sisters (ages 12-30).

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Where sportswriters fail as critics

Too soft on fellow writers

By Ira Berkow
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK — (NEA) — It was only a decade ago, but it seems like decades ago, that an idea concerning a piece about a baseball broadcaster was turned down by the managing editor of a great Midwestern daily. The reason given was that television or radio — "remember, they are our direct competitors" — should get no more exposure than necessary.

That philosophy has gone the way of baggy flannel uniforms. It is a tapered, double-knit age and the great mouth of television has all but consumed us, particularly in the print business.

Howard Cosell, for example, may be the single most recognizable individual in sports. At one time fans, upon meeting a sportswriter, would ask, "What's Joe Namath really like?" For the sports world once revolved around Namath. Today, fans ask instead, "What's Howard Cosell really like?"

"Who was to replace Don Meredith on the Monday Night TV troika?" "Who

was to replace his replacement, Fred Williamson?" "Will Howard return next season?" These are as wondered about as the next episode of *As the World Turns*.

On a dull day, or any other day for that matter, a sportswriter may churn out a story about a sportscaster or sportscasting. Unfailingly, the tack taken will concern the ineptitudes, foibles, inaccuracies, illiteracies and spinelessness of the mikemen.

The writers and stories may be right on target. For banality does indeed appear the golden fleece for sportscasters. Yet if the sportswriters are to attack these sportscasters, why don't they also analyze sportswriters?

There is certainly as much pomp, as much brainlessness, as much cliché, as much fawning on the boob page as on the boob tube. But there is a read-no-evil code among sportswriters.

It is curious that the sportswriters

pick apart the sportscasters but the sportscasters, when they do mention sportswriters at all, express only kid-glove sentiments.

This is dually repulsive.

First, sportscasters view themselves as entertainers, not journalists, and therefore have no commitment to "truth." This is particularly so of the jock-broadcasters, whose training on the ball fields somehow has influenced producers to believe that they have been equally trained for the broadcasting booth.

That is not the main reason, though, that they do not criticize sportswriters. They do not criticize sportswriters because they don't or can't read newspapers — or anything else. They are as prepared for their work as Napoleon's troops were to overtake Russia.

This is not to say that many sportswriters read anything other than

Hoop star suspended by school

United Press International

Bernard King, one of the finest freshmen basketball players in the nation, may be the key to a new recruiting scandal.

King, the 6-foot-6 Tennessee star from Brooklyn, N.Y., the scoring leader in the Southeastern Conference with a 27.9 average and ranked among the league's top rebounders, was suspended indefinitely by the university Monday pending an investigation of possible changes in his grades in junior high school.

The Vols felt King's absence Monday night when Auburn rallied in the closing seconds to beat Tennessee, 62-59, and drop the Vols to a 13-4 mark.

Athletic Director Bob Woodruff said Monday that King would be withheld from action until the matter could be resolved.

"The University of Tennessee has received a revised transcript from Fort Hamilton High School reflecting new information for junior high school grades earned by Bernard King, recorded on the permanent record of the high school," said Woodruff in a prepared statement.

"On the basis of the revised transcript, we are withholding King from competition pending further review by university officials and appropriate due process in regard to his eligibility."

"The transcript received today (Monday) differs from previous transcripts provided to the university by Fort Hamilton, including one issued on Jan. 3 to two university officials who visited Fort Hamilton to verify all grades. The latest transcript shows discrepancies between some grades earned in junior high and recorded on the permanent record at Fort Hamilton."

Junior Dan Cox, who had played only seven minutes all season, scored six straight points in the last 22 seconds to lead Auburn past Tennessee. Cox had played in only two other games this season but he scored 14 points Monday night. He put Auburn, now 13-4, ahead 60-57 and the victory was clinched when Glen Moon hit two free throws with eight seconds left.

Ernie Grunfield, another New Yorker recruited by Tennessee, scored 22 points to lead the Vols.

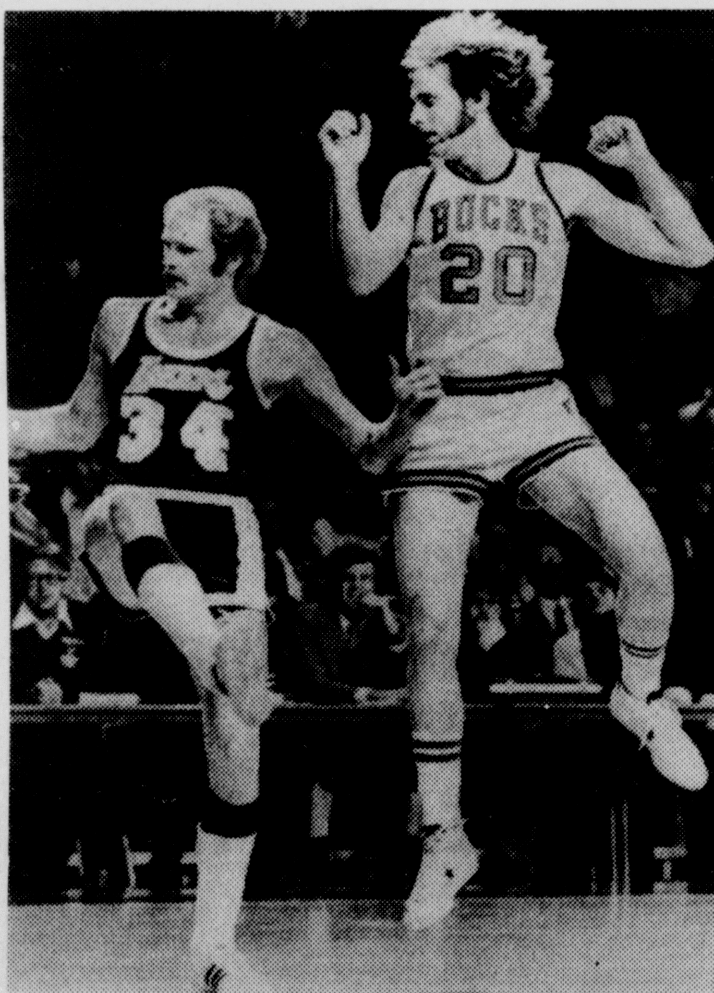
In games involving ranked teams Monday night, No. 1 Indiana crushed Michigan, 74-48, No. 6 Alabama stopped Vanderbilt, 86-72, No. 7 Kentucky edged Louisiana State, 77-76, and No. 11 North Carolina held off stubborn South Florida, 79-72.

Indiana overcame a slowdown offense from Big Ten rival Michigan to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 24 games, 21 of them this season. Four Hoosiers scored in double figures, led by Bob Wilkerson's 18 and Scott May with 15. Steve Green added 13 and Kent Benson 11. C. J. Kupec led Michigan with 17.

Charles Cleveland led Alabama with 22 points and 6-10 Leon Douglas added 19, all in the second half, as the Tide roared out to an early lead, lost it and then took control in the late stages to down Vanderbilt.

Jack Givens paced a second-half Kentucky rally and finished with 14 points to lead the Wildcats, now 16-2, over LSU. Glenn Hansen of LSU was the game's high scorer with 28 points while Kentucky's Kevin Grevey and Jimmy Dan Conner had 17 each.

Brad Hoffman, Walter Davis and Mitch Kupchak combined for 51 points as North Carolina held off a late rally by South Florida to win.



MOONLIGHTING as cheerleaders? Not exactly, but Laker Steven Love (left) and Buck Mickey Davis look like they're practicing a soft-shoe routine. Actually they're watching loose ball bounce out of bounds.

Valley sports

Basketball

City basketball game scores and high scorers:

Men's 30-and-Over
Haselmo's 46, Tags 35. Don McIntyre (H) 23, Trini Chavoya (T) 14.

Mission Federal 34, Bulls 20. Glen Abrahamson (M) 10, Jerry Bombersbach (B) 8.

Haselmo's 48, F.P.C. 26. Don McIntyre (H) 26, Jones (F) 10.

Junior High (City)
Redskins 38, Rangers 33. Ramon Libonao (Re) 18, Carlos Garcia (Ra) 16, Joe Valasco (Re) 10, Scott Sperber (Ra) 10.

Redskins 41, Warriors 35. Ramon Libonao (R) 11, Mike Beyen (W) 22, Jose Velasco (R) 18.

Titans 33, Warriors 26. Scotty Robbins (T) 15, Jerry Valencia (T) 9, Tom Vega (W) 7.

Mustangs 38, Padres 26. Todd Morehart (M) 12, John Armero (M) 10, Steve Southall (P) 11.

Rangers 50, Huskies 27. Carlos Garcia (R) 25, Ricky Munoz (H) 10.

Junior High (School league)
Lompoc's 8th graders came from 14 down to edge Carpinteria 49-48.

Tony Pickett hit 16, Greg Younglove 13 and Phil Rodgers 10. The 7th graders lost to Carp by the same score, after being down 21 at one point. Greg Cox scored 15, followed by Craig Wilde 12, and Darren Alexander 10.

5th-6th grade
Bullets 56, Chargers 9. AlRay Grossi (B) 34, Murphy Mills (C) 9.

Eagles 48, Rebels 14. Jeff Dupree (E) 21, Cliff Leach (E) 13, Duayne Vickers (E) 8, Jim Dunham (R) 7.

Bears 34, Chargers 29, OT. Ray Castillo (B) 16, Murphy Mills (C) 12, David Spainhower (C) 11.

Lakers 21, Rockets 15. Anthony Cosca (L) 12, Bob McCauley (L) 6, Craig Chambers (R) 9.

Cougars 48, Bears 25. Ed Henry (C) 14, Bob Foren (C) 14, Jules Manfreda (B) 7, Ray Castillo (B) 7.

Raiders 28, Rebels 25. Fred Langley (Ra) 17, James Dunham (Re) 10, Phillip Braun (Re) 8.

4th grade
Bruins 25, Blazers 10. Gary Norman (Br) 8, Darrell Simmons (Br) 8, Chip Berring (Bl) 3.

Suns 13, Bucks 8. Rodney Dimmock (B) 4, Fred Gonzales (S) 6.

Standings:
4th — Bruins 7-0, Suns 4-3, Bucks 3-4, Blazers 0-7.

5th-6th American — Eagles 7-0, Raiders 5-2, Lakers 3-3, Rockets 1-6, Rebels 1-6.

5th-6th National — Cougars 9-0, Bullets 6-3, Bears 3-6, Chargers 0-9.

Junior High — Rangers 8-3, Redskins 7-3, Warriors 6-4, Titans 7-4, Mustangs 6-4, Huskies 1-9, Padres 0-9.

Youth wrestling

Results of Saturday's Boys' Club Youth Wrestling Tournament. (Listed in order of finish in each weight class, champion first):

60 — Mike Haley, Courtney Whitney, Kevin Columbus, Johnny Foote.

66 — Ray Horenberger, Keith Imano, Scott Whitney.

74-A — Eric Nicholson, Brent Brewer, Eugene Segura, John Ybarra.

74-B — Charlie Andrews, Mike Hinkens, Tony Brown, Greg Navarro.

80-A — David Reynolds, Ray Navarro, Ray Miranda, Doug Barr.

80-B — Jim Renner, Steve Soderquist, Tony Armento, Vincent Arevelos.

85 — Bert Lopez, Mike Moore, David Lopez, John Dotzler.

90 — Pat Huyck, Don Lundberg, Tom Segura, John Villalobos.

95 — Victor Avillanoza, Donald Clark, Steve Eager, Steven DeLira.

100 — Glenn Campbell, Mike Dalcenri, Darin Rogers, Mike Luna.

105 — Bob Steele, Mike Rossi, Teddy Williams, James Phillips.

120 — Stuart Radford, John Bagwell, David Paretti, Greg Hammond.

Heavy — Chuck Penna, Kevin Breshears, Rodrigo DeLira.

JV wrestling

The Cabrillo freshman wrestling team placed second in the San Luis Obispo freshman tourney over the weekend and narrowly missed winning the tourney.

The Cones had two individual champs, Adam Del Torto (154) (133) and Dave Quinn (145), to amass 86 team points.

Arroyo Grande won the event with 89½.

The Lompoc Braves finished fourth and had three champions: Paul Feeley (95), Mike Walker (175) and Daryl Aragon (112).

Other results: 2nd — Danny Dominguez (112), Jim Filarsky (175) 3rd — Chuck Crummy (112), Rod Johnson (138), Jay Browne (191).

McAdoo leads

NEW YORK (UPI) — Bob McAdoo and Jim McMillian of the Buffalo Braves hold slight leads in scoring and field goal marksmanship, respectively, according to National Basketball Association statistics released Monday.

McAdoo has a 33.7 point per game average compared to the 33.1 average of Golden State's Rick Barry while McMillian has a .517 shooting percentage compared to the .516 marks of Boston's Don Nelson and Golden State's Butch Beard.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Milwaukee ranks third in the scoring race with a 30.5 point per game average while Wes Unseld of Washington is No. 4 in shooting percentage with .514.

Sports shorts

Boom Boom quits

ATLANTA (UPI) — Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion has made a big mystery out of his sudden and totally unexpected resignation as coach of the NHL Atlanta Flames.

Geoffrion isn't telling and neither is Geoffrion's pretty blonde wife Marlene whom the ex-coach insists is the only other person who knows why he threw in the towel Monday.

"Don't ask me why I step down, I won't tell you," said the 43-year-old Geoffrion in his French accent. "Why I resign is a personal thing. The only person who knows is my wife."

Geoffrion, an all-star rightwinger with the Montreal Canadiens for 14 seasons, was the only coach the Flames had had in their 2½ years in the National Hockey League.

Cox in landmark swim

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Lynne Cox, world record holder for the swim across the English Channel in 1973, Tuesday became the first woman to swim the treacherous Cook Strait between New Zealand's North and South islands, according to her coach's wife.

Mrs. John Sonnichsen, wife of the 18-year-old's coach, said Miss Cox made the crossing in 12 hours 2½ minutes. She said she was the first woman to cross the Cook Straits and only the fourth swimmer in 45 years.

"She was grinning from ear to ear, just beaming," said Mrs. Sonnichsen, who was told about the feat by phone.

Rozelle Rule contested

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — John Mackey, a former all-pro tight end, will return to the witness stand Tuesday morning in the Rozelle rule antitrust trial in U.S. District Court.

The Rozelle rule empowers National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle to set compensation before a player, who plays out his option, can be signed as a free agent by another team.

The rule is being challenged by the NFL Players Association on behalf of Mackey, a former Baltimore Star and past association president. They contend the rule infringed on Mackey's rights by illegally restricting his ability to offer his services as a player.

Athlete's comeback

HOUSTON (UPI) — Kent Waldrep, a Texas Christian University football player paralyzed in a game against Alabama Oct. 26, will attend the TCU-Rice basketball game tonight.

"You don't know how excited I'll be," Waldrep, 20, said from his hospital bed late Monday. "Most people don't think I can move from the neck down. But they're going to be surprised. I can move my arms real good. I have good strength in them. I can pick up a glass of water. I can even feel my feet."

Waldrep, who said he never lost consciousness after a blow caused him to fall on his neck, remembered word getting to him that he wouldn't live through an operation on his spinal cord or that even if he did, the paralysis could stop his breathing in an instant.

"When I think back on it, it's —like wow—pretty incredible," he said.

Ping Pong squabble

HUBBARD, ORE. (UPI) — A championship pro table tennis match between the United States and the Republic of China ended in discord here Monday night when the American captain filed three protests.

The results of the six matches will not be known for at least 10 days when the National Table Tennis League in Seattle rules on the protests.

Captain Tom Ruttinger protested that the Chinese placed a foreign substance on the balls, that the gymnasium lights went out eight times during the contest and that referee Don Nash made improper calls.

The matches were being held here to finance a new lighting system for the North Marion High School gymnasium.

SC loses White

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Greg White, a 6-8 sophomore from Los Angeles, will miss the remainder of the basketball season because of a broken right foot, University of Southern California coach Bob Boyd said Monday.

White, the Trojans' sixth man, was averaging 6.4 points in 16 games.

He apparently suffered the injury in practice before Saturday night's UCLA game, an 89-84 USC setback, but played in the contest.

X-rays taken Sunday revealed the fracture and his foot was placed in a cast.

Standings

NBA Standings By United Press International									
Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
	w.	l.	pct.	g.b.		w.	l.	pct.	g.b.
Boston	36	14	.720	—	Chicago	29	21	.580	—
Buffalo	33	18	.647	3½	Detroit	31	23	.574	—
New York	26	25	.510	10½	KC-Omaha	27	26	.509	3½
Philadelphia	21	31	.404	16	Milwaukee	24	25	.490	4½
Central Division					Pacific Division				
	w.	l.	pct.	g.b.		w.	l.	pct.	g.b.
Washington	36	14	.720	—	Golden State	30	20	.600	—
Houston	25	26	.490	11½	Seattle	25	26	.490	5½
Cleveland	24	26	.480	12	Portland	22	28	.440	8
Atlanta	21	33	.389	17	Phoenix	20	27	.426	8½
New Orleans	6	42	.125	29	Los Angeles	19	30	.388	10½

Monday's Results

Boston 114 Detroit 100

KC-Omaha 100 Philadelphia 87

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at Buffalo

Los Angeles at New York

Cleveland at Atlanta

Portland at Chicago

Golden State at Houston

Washington at Phoenix

Hall's comeback...

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His older brother Eddie is probably the most familiar to Valley sports fans as he was an All-League outfielder for Cabrillo last year in baseball, and is now playing at the University of Pacific. Another brother, Jim, is a Lompoc policeman.

Mark's hobbies include girls and food. "I like to read recipe books," grins Mark. "It keeps my mind off eating during wrestling season but it still gives me a chance to read about what I like to eat."

Mark also likes to water ski, play football (he'll be a linebacker on the Cabrillo varsity next year) and digs listening to Elvis Presley records (A few of Hall's NL foes have probably been chirping "Don't Be Cruel" in between groans.)

After high school Mark Hall plans to go to college, possibly Cal Poly.

"Vaughn Hitchcock (Poly mat mentor) has talked to me and so has a coach from UCLA," commented Mark.

It must be obvious to them as it is to everyone that Mark Hall is no longer pulling anyone's leg — he's pulling his weight.

Hall of Fame takes in trio

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two slashing hitters of the 1930s and a "boy wonder" manager from the 1920s have been elected to baseball's Hall of Fame by a special veteran's committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Named Monday in the player-category were Earl Averill, Sr., who compiled a .318 batting average with three American League clubs from 1929 through 1941, and Billy Herman, a second baseman who batted .304 during his career with four National League clubs.

Elected along with them was Stanley "Bucky" Harris, who as a 30-year-old playing manager led the Washington Senators to successive American League pennants in 1924 and 1925 and managed in the major leagues for 29 seasons.

The three will be formally inducted into the shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y., Aug. 18 when Ralph Kiner, seven-time home-run king of the National League with the Pittsburgh Pirates, also will be inducted. Kiner was elected in national balloting of 10-year veterans of the BBWAA.

"Better late than never," said the 71-year-old Averill when notified of his election. "I think it's great to be in that Hall of Fame. That's where most ballplayers want to be. There are lots more guys who deserve it who are not in there yet."

Ugly fish good to eat

Rod & Gun

By M.C. Cockshott



developing ecological reserves, eliminating hazards to wildlife from oil sumps, controlling botulism, and introducing new varieties of game fish.

Freshwater fishing

The cold snap kept most freshwater anglers home. Lake Lopez was somewhat of an exception, however, as some sportsmen, no doubt from back east, arrived with ice fishing gear, just in case. A few trout were caught early last week, but generally the fishing was poor.

No report from Nacimiento or Margarita lakes. To quote the poet Gray: "The climate repressed their noble rage and froze the genial current of their souls and so home to thaw out."

Atascadero, and Laguna lakes received plantings of catchable rainbow trout last month. The water control board is due to plant at lake Lopez soon, as part of a plan to offset the loss of steelhead caused by the building of Lopez Dam.

The Fish and Game Commission has adopted regulations under which operators of black bass derbies may offer individual prizes of more than \$200 in value, when authorized.

Success story
One of the biggest success stories in recent fish management history is the planting of white bass in Lake Nacimiento, according to the DFG.

Although the white bass now occupy star billing at Nacimiento, it took them a long time to acquire a liking to their new habitat. The DFG almost gave up the experiment when suddenly the bass began to thrive and multiply and now 70 per cent of all fish taken in the lake are white bass.

The first plants were made in 1965, with 100 fingerlings. Several subsequent plants were made, but it took five years for the fish to really feel at home.

Ref attacked

PORTOGRUARO, ITALY (UPI) — Two carloads of soccer fans pursued the auto of referee Pietro Nuovo for six miles after the home team lost 2-0 in a match during which Nuovo kicked two home team players out of the game.

Police said Nuovo evaded several attempts by the fans' cars to force him off the road but finally lost control of his car and overturned into a ditch.

Top 20

NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Press International Board of Coaches college basketball ratings, with number of first-place votes and records through Saturday, Feb. 1 in parentheses (40 of 42 coaches voting) Ninth week.

Team	Points
1. Indiana (40) (20-0)	400
2. UCLA (15-2)	328
3. Louisville (15-1)	321
4. Maryland (14-3)	227
5. Kentucky (15-2)	207
6. N.C. St. (13-3)	193
7. Alabama (15-2)	162
8. Southern Cal (13-3)	141
9. Arizona St. (17-2)	109
10. Oregon (15-2)	58
11. North Carolina (11-5)	26
12. Marquette (13-3)	21
13. Arizona (15-4)	15
14. Oregon St. (12-7)	14
15. Clemson (10-7)	11
16. (Tie) UN-Las Vegas (15-3)	10
16. (Tie) Notre Dame (9-6)	10
18. (Tie) LaSalle (16-3)	9
18. (Tie) Creighton (15-4)	9
18. (Tie) Tennessee (13-3)	9

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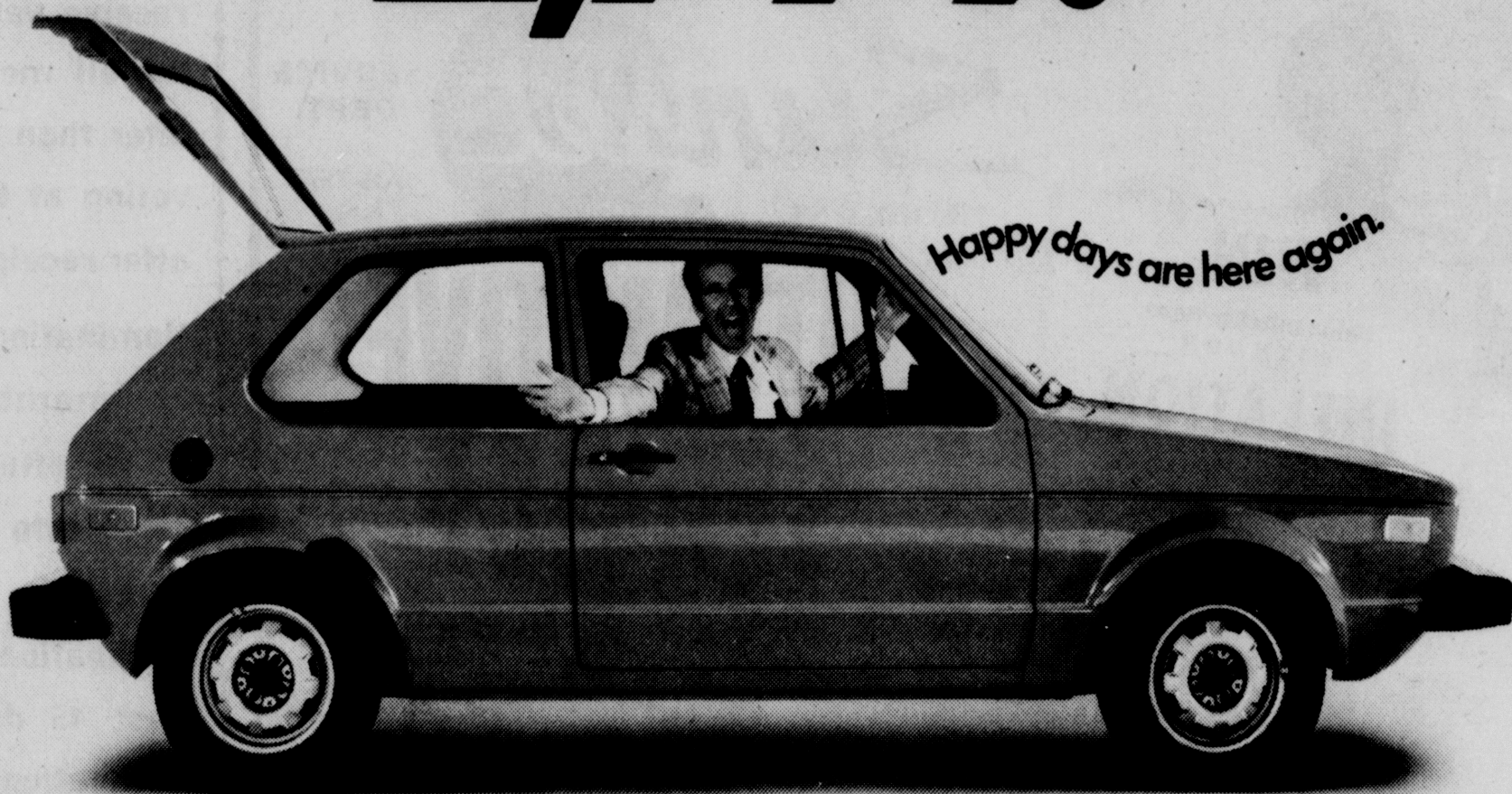
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Vandenberg chatter

By SUZANNE PLANK
734-4512

Use it or lose it! How often we hear these five words but do nothing. Those who are blessed with the power of speech and the ability to speak more than one language know only too well the consequences of not using their second or third languages.

Adriana Robb is one person who is going to do something about the non-use of second languages. She is interested in hearing from ladies who speak more than one language in order that she can form a Second Language Club on Vandenberg. With the use of books, magazines, and records members will keep their languages in practice. Fluent conversation will be the primary goal.

Mrs. Robb, wife of Colonel Francis Robb, is a native of Rome and is knowledgeable in Italian, Japanese, Russian, German, and French. She had a Second Language Club at McConnell AFB, Kansas. The meetings will be in her home at 622 Ash on the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Those interested may call Mrs. Robb.

Once again the Volunteers of Family Services showed their versatility and flexibility. When unforeseen circumstances forced the postponement of the Volunteer of the Year luncheon scheduled for Jan. 29 there was no panic, just a quick decision to have an awards coffee at the Center.

Mrs. David Moore and her recruiting committee were hostesses. In addition to the active volunteers, members of the advisory board and ladies interested in becoming volunteers attended the coffee.

Sue Moore spoke of the importance of volunteer workers in all organizations, especially Family Services. She then introduced the chairmen of other committees who explained the duties of their particular committees: Mrs. Francis Madden, office; Mrs. LaMarr Keyser, welcoming; Mrs. Harry Frankman, emergency; Mrs. Frank Shaffer, Newsletter; and Mrs. Robert Plank, publicity.

Colonel Robert Robinson, Chief of Personnel, presented the awards for the month of December. Receiving hour guards were Mmes. Robert Cancellieri (1,000 hours), Charles Markline (750 hours), Cameron Mactavish (500 hours), Alex Pestrichella and Donald Dionne (250 hours). Year stripes were presented to Mmes. William Mohn, Robert Plank, and Norbert Pirri (2 years), Keith Thraen and Paul Njks (4 years).

Mrs. Robert Woodard was named Volunteer of the Month (December). Dot has been at Vandenberg for ten months and has been with Family Services since Sept. 1974. She is a member of the office committee and is currently the assistant chairman.

Before coming to Vandenberg, TSgt. and Mrs. Woodard were at Little Rock. Sgt. Woodard is assigned to the 3901st SMES — Titan Branch. They have two children: Kenneth, 12, and Joanne, 9. Dot likes to meet people so working the front desk of the Family Service Center is really her cup of tea.

Several ladies of the OWC are embarking upon a challenging and rewarding course of study — that of Ikebana (flower arrangement.) Instructor for the course is Matoko Price, licensed instructor in the Ikenobo School of Japanese flower arranging.

Ikenobo, which means "Hut by the Pond," is over 1,000 years old and is the classical form of arranging. It blends well with occidental style homes. Mrs. Price feels that it creates unity of mind while bringing beauty into the house.

Mrs. Price began her study of Ikenobo in Tokyo, her home. While in Korea with her husband, she continued her studies and taught classes in Seoul. The Prices came to Vandenberg last summer.

At the present time Matoko has one class which meets at 9:30-11 Thursday mornings. She is willing to have more if interest demands. The fee is \$20 for ten classes. The fee covers the cost of the flowers and foliage. Those interested in becoming a class member may call Mrs. Price at 4-5350.

At Vandenberg Bowl in the OWC Bowling League the Mis-Fits, Pin Jammers, and GOYABS made it three in a row by retaining their standing in the league. High bowler was Pat Simpson who had a 501 series for the day.

Split conversions were made by Daina Lussier (5-7-9), Utako McHan and Peggy Bright (5-7), Betty Nefzger (5-6-10), and Sarah Strickland (2-7-8).

The roll-off for the city tournament has been completed and the eight top qualifiers who will represent the OWC Bowling League have been selected. They are Bea McNeely (1240), Barbara Cassidy (1214), Mary Jones (1214), Virginia Mitchell (1204), Lynne Mannen (1198), Pat Simpson (1191), Juanita Tworek (1157), and Nancy Gaydeski (1156). The first three alternates are Linda Gordon (1152), Joyce McHugh (1145), and Peggy Bright (1143). The ladies were chosen on the basis of the first two series, with handicap, for the three-week Roll-Off.

If you are beginning your

Spring housecleaning early this year, please keep the Vandenberg Thrift Shop in mind. It needs furniture.

If you would rather forget about housecleaning and get a paying job, the Thrift Shop may be the answer. It needs a bookkeeper. You need not be a military dependent to be eligible, just have experience in bookkeeping. If you are interested in the position, please call Barbara Williams at 734-9094.

The Thrift Shop will be closed Feb. 12 (Lincoln's birthday and a school holiday), 15 (the 3rd Saturday), and 17 (Monday of the long weekend).

Children topic of sculpture show at Hancock

The most beautiful, rich and significant natural resource — children — sets the theme for a special sculpture exhibit, "Sons and Daughters," by Ms. Noel Osheroff to be presented by Allan Hancock College Feb. 3 through Feb. 28 in the Allan Hancock College Art Gallery. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at no charge.

Nineteen sculptures of children and small relief plaques will be on display, depicting childhood scenes in glazed and unglazed stoneware clay.

Ms. Osheroff, born in Los Angeles, studies painting and sculpture at UCLA and graduated in 1952 with a BA in painting.

Ms. Osheroff's sculptures have been included in the California Design II, exhibition, and have been featured in museums in Pasadena, Anaheim and Santa Ana, and exhibited in the 19th ceramic national exhibition in Syracuse, New York in 1956.

Noel has traveled extensively throughout eastern Canada, Mexico, Europe, the USSR and China.

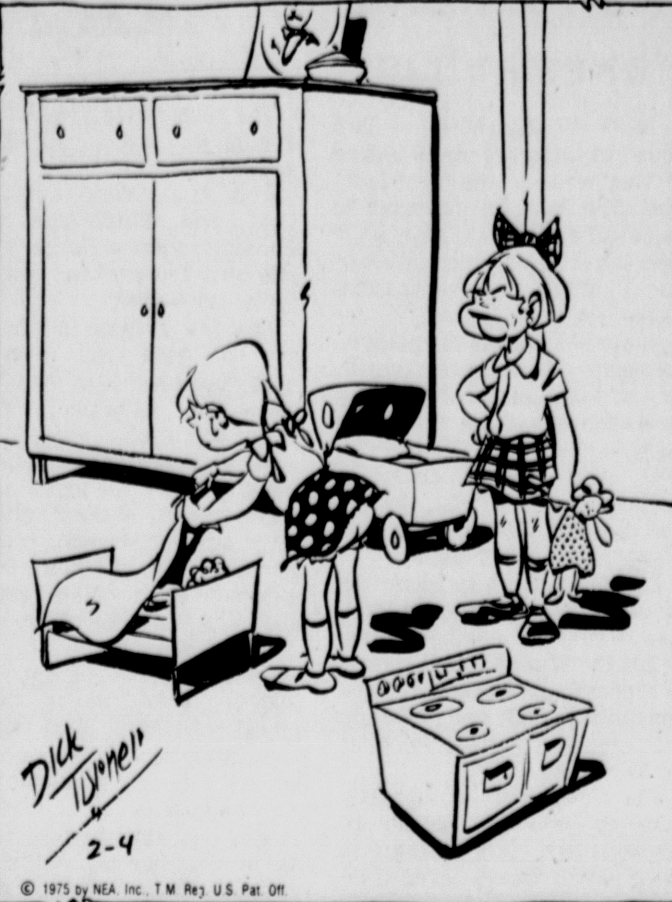
Married in 1959 to Abraham Osheroff, the couple settled in Venice, California, and had three children.

Ms. Osheroff was awarded the certificate of Superior Design and Execution by the Seattle Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in April 1964, and was represented in "Arts of Southern California IV" in the Long Beach Museum of Art in 1960.

Ms. Osheroff's sculpting began more seriously following a divorce in 1969, primarily through small exhibits in outdoor art shows, which marked the beginning of the children's series inspired by the birth of her first child.

CARNIVAL

by Dick Turner



"I can't wait until I grow up and get married and have someone that has to shut up and listen to ME once in awhile!"

Service news

WIESBADEN, Germany — Airman First Class Bernard L. Peterson, son of Mrs. Mary L. Peterson of 1094 Vesta Place, Columbus, Ohio, is a member of a unit that recently received the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the third time.

Airman Peterson is an electrical power production specialist at Lindsey Air Station, Germany, with the Air Force Communications Service's 2nd Mobile Communications Group which earned the award for exceptionally meritorious service from April 2 to June 22, 1974.

The group was cited for providing communications support for the U.S., Great Britain and Egypt while the combined forces cleared the Suez Canal and adjacent areas. of unexploded ordnance.

The airman is a 1970 graduate of East High School. His father, Bertra H. Peterson, resides at 3276 Via Dona of Lompoc.

The airman's wife, Deborah, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts of 1327 Hildreth Ave., Columbus.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
No. SM15571
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
No. SM15548
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
(C.C.P. 1276)

In the Matter of the Application of VIRGINIA LEE KIMBLER, For Change of Name.

Petitioner VIRGINIA LEE KIMBLER alleges:

I. Petitioner is over eighteen (18) years of age.

II. Petitioner was born at Big Spring, Texas.

III. Petitioner resides at 712 North 5th Street, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, California.

IV. Petitioner's present name is VIRGINIA LEE KIMBLER, and her proposed name is VIRGINIA LEE MENDEK.

V. The reason for the proposed change of name is to spare her the embarrassment of living with and having a different surname from her mother, MARILYN A. MENDEK, and her stepfather, JOHN L. MENDEK, and her two minor brothers who are having their surnames changed to MENDEK.

VI. Petitioner's father is deceased. The names and places of residence of the near relatives of petitioner, so far as they are known, are as follows:
MARILYN A. MENDEK, mother, 712 North 5th Street, Lompoc, California.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that:

1. This Court make an order to show cause at a specified time and place why this petition for change of name should not be granted;

2. On the hearing, this Court make an order changing petitioner's name from VIRGINIA LEE KIMBLER to VIRGINIA LEE MENDEK; and

3. All other proper orders be granted.

Dated: January 22, 1975.
Virginia Lee Kimbler
DUNLAP & MELVILLE,
By Charles G. Ward,
for petitioner,
HOWARD C. MENZEL,
County Clerk
By ANN I. JONES
Deputy Clerk

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Attorney for Petitioner

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I declare that: I am the

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petitioner in the within entitled cause; I have read the foregoing petition for change of name (C.C.P. 1276) and know the contents thereof; the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated upon my information or belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this verification was executed on January 22, 1975, at Lompoc, California. Virginia Lee Kimbler
4T — Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1975

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of Myland D. McMurray, Transferor, whose business address is 1023 E. Ocean, Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, that a bulk transfer is about to be made to Atlantic Richfield Co. Transferee, whose business address is 7100 Havenhurst Ave., Van Nuys, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

The property to be transferred is located at 1023 E. Ocean, Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California.

Said property is described in general as: All stock in trade, fixtures, equipment and good will of that Service Station business known as Mike's ARCO and located at 1023 E. Ocean, Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California.

The bulk transfer will be consummated on or after the 17th day of January, 1975, at 10:00 A.M. at Atlantic Richfield Co., 149 Patterson Rd., Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, State of California.

So far as known to the Transferee, all business names and addresses used by Transferor for the three years last past, are: Same.

Dated: January 9, 1975.
Signed by: Atlantic Richfield Co.
by G.L. Prisbrey,
Transferee.

4T — Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 and 28, 1975.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO FURNISH EQUIPMENT FOR THE LOMPOC HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Lompoc Hospital District invites proposals to supply certain pieces of equipment for their Convalescent and Residential Care Center in accordance with specifications and the list of equipment on file with the Hospital Administrator available upon request.

Sealed proposals in duplicate shall be delivered to the office of the Administrator, Lompoc District Hospital, P.O. Box 1068, Lompoc, California 93436, not later than 12 noon, February 26, 1975.

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when they will be opened and examined.
Frank Signorelli
Secretary
2T — Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 1975

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
No. SM15906

Notice of Hearing Petition for Probate of Will
Estate of DOROTHY C. BURRITT, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CORDELIA S. LOMNES has filed herein a petition for probate of the will of the above-named decedent and for issuance of letters of administration with the will annexed to the petitioner, reference to which is hereby made for further particulars, and that the time and place of hearing the same has been set for February 10 1975, at 9 o'clock a.m., in the courtroom of said court at the County Building, 312 East Cook Street, Department SM One, in the City of Santa Maria, California.
Dated Jan. 15, 1975
Howard C. Menzel, Clerk
By Ann I. Jones, Deputy Clerk
3T — Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 1975

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
No. SM 15944
CITATION TO PARENT

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of WILLIAM G. MEIDER, Adoptive Parent.

To CZAR LESLIE TERRY: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT WILLIAM G. MEIDER, has filed herein a petition seeking the adoption of ELLEN SUE TERRY, NOLA BEA TERRY, and DEBORAH LYNN TERRY, minors.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR on March 10, 1975, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Courtroom of the Presiding Judge of the above-entitled Court, SM ONE, at the County Building, 312 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, and show cause, if any you have, why said petition should not be granted.

Reference is hereby made to said petition for further particulars. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Barbara, this 23rd day of January, 1975.

HOWARD C. MENZEL, Clerk
By: Ann I. Jones
Deputy Clerk

GROSSMAN, COX & PALMER
Attorneys
121 North H Street
Lompoc, California 93436

4T — Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 1975

DEAR MEMBER:

The 1975 annual meeting for the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union will be on March 25, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. in the N.C.O. Club on Vandenberg AFB. Voting this year will be by mail only. You will receive your voting instructions in the mail as outlined in our by-laws for all members over 16 years of age. Ballots must be received no later than midnight 5 days prior to March 25, 1975. There will be NO voting at the meeting so get your ballot in the mail as soon as possible after receipt.

Nominations for vacancies may be made by petition signed by at least 20 members or 1% of the membership, whichever is greater. To be effective, such nominations shall be accompanied by a certificate from the nominee or nominees stating that they are agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office; such nominations shall be filed with the secretary of the Credit Union at least 45 days (7 February 1975) prior to the annual meeting and nominations will be posted in the Credit Union at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting All elections will be determined by plurality vote and shall be by printed ballot. No nominations shall be made from the floor. Results of the election will be verified at the annual meeting March 25, 1975 and the president will make public the results. Door prizes will be awarded. However, you must be present to be eligible to win. Looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting March 25, 1975.

Tony R. Lodle
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"If I'm late getting home don't worry... I may be talked into flying to Hollywood for a screen test."

Nation's weather

United Press International Raging Texas floodwaters have subsided, but police say the search for victims may go on until Thursday. The killer storm in the Sierra Nevada, now in its fifth day, has begun to relent.

The \$5 million flood at Nacogdoches, Tex., has caused three deaths and local Police Chief M. C. Roebuck said searchers were "pulling the brush apart" along creek banks in a hunt for additional victims. He said the search may go on for three more days.

In Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas the flood-triggering rains began to let up, the National Weather Service said.

California's worst winter storm this year has already dumped up to 5 feet of snow at higher elevations of the Sierra. The weather service warned motorists it may continue at least through Wednesday, but a gradual letup appeared likely starting today.

The northern California storm has claimed the lives of a cross-country woman skier who died of exposure, and a utility company lineman who fell to his death as he tried to

Farmers to plant less cotton

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — California Growers plan to reduce their plantings of cotton by 28 per cent this year from 1974's record crop mainly because of a drop in price, the state Food and Agriculture Department said Monday.

repair a storm-damaged power line.

Road crews, working 12-hour shifts, fought to keep major highways open across the high ridges. California highway patrolmen convoyed large trucks through the passes and state highway crews blasted massive snow drifts at Echo Summit on U.S. 50.

The heaviest storm to hit Southern California this winter drenched the area with more than two inches of rain Monday, flooding intersections, downing power lines and causing numerous traffic accidents on slick pavement.

Up to 14 inches of snow were dumped on mountain areas.

In the Crestline area, where 14 inches of powdery snow fell Monday, snow laden trees toppled over into power lines, cutting off electricity to about 300 customers.

In Huntington Beach, Richard Elleno Holguin, 34, drowned when his car skidded off a road, tore through a chain link fence and plunged into the rain swollen flood control channel.

El Dorado, Ark., measured 7 inches of rain since Friday but forecasters said the stationary front that produced the heavy rains moved southward toward the Gulf Coast and rains spread eastward into the Carolinas and the Tennessee Valley. A travel warning for up to 4 inches of snow was issued for the mountains of North Carolina.

Snow spread from the northern Rockies to Lake Superior. A 9-inch snowfall pushed the accumulation at Mullan, Idaho, to 3 feet. Winter travel warnings were up in the Dakotas.

City Council candidates —

(Continued from Page 1)

"On my paycheck, I don't get paid because it's traditional," Valencia countered. "I don't think that we ought to pay them because it's traditional."

"I know you people realize that I'm not for a lot of growth," said Mrs. Morgan, adding that we should "plan enough growth to take care of our own."

CITY MANAGEMENT AND BUREAUCRACY

Valencia answered a question on coping with city bureaucracy by pointing to the city's bill for a director of public safety, funded at \$18,815 per year.

"I wonder, what do we need a director of public safety for," he asked, promising if elected to probe the post and its duties as well as other city administrative slots.

Mrs. Lefkowitz said that council members bear the responsibility for studying and not being led blindly by city staff administrative reports. Valencia said preparing good reports is the city staff's job.

Mrs. Morgan called for the hiring of fewer outside consulting firms and charged that some reports from these firms have been accepted by the council at face value though inaccurate. She cited as an example the projections of sewer project consultants Brown and Caldwell Co. that the area's population, not including the base, will boom to 60,000 by the year 2,000.

"We're at zero population growth now," she contended. "I feel that you've got to go to the horses mouth."

Green didn't tackle city management directly but said that his management experience would equip him to independently study staff and consultants reports and come up with independent decisions.

Valencia indicated that the city's recent call for an 80 per cent water rate increase and other step utility rate hikes "leads me to believe that we've been listening to the talkers and not to the thinkers or the planners." Why didn't the council see the need for these increases coming two years ago? he asked.

Referring to the 1973 Wilson and McFaddin trailer court proposals, Valencia said that the city still needs a five star trailer court but that for the city staff to approve three of them at once "near an established neighborhood was 'poor planning.'"

A third piece of council business that drew Valencia's fire were two council votes to award a sewer system sub-contract to an outside bidder when a qualified lower bidding firm was located in Lompoc.

CITY MEETINGS:

Answering a citizen who complained that participation in city affairs takes a lot of "stamina," Mrs. Morgan urged that public hearings before the council be held on different nights from less controversial regular council business. Council official transcripts, she charged, don't reflect negative statements about issues and the city should make council agenda more widely available. She also called for advance notice of LEDA agendas.

Valencia said one way to speed up council meetings would be for the council to come prepared and not begin to do their homework at meetings.

"Criticism is one thing and creative criticism is another," Mrs. Lefkowitz said, urging that the council demand that speeches from its floor be concise and limited to five minutes.

Despite protests of timbermen

State upholds impact reports for logging

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Despite a Capitol demonstration by angry Northern California loggers, the Brown administration has refused their request to appeal a court order requiring environmental impact reports on all new timber cutting.

Wearing hard hats and rugged work clothes, the North Coast timbermen—hit heavily by unemployment—demanded at the Capitol protest Monday that Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. appeal the ruling and seek a one-year moratorium until the controversy can be resolved.

But following a two-hour meeting between administration officials and logger representatives, logger spokesman David Snodderly said: "They (the administration) are not budging an inch. We came here to get the ear of the governor and he's not even here. We are going home disappointed."

The governor was in Los Angeles Monday.

State Resources Secretary Claire Dedrick told newsmen after the meeting her agency will proceed with efforts to

handle the problem administratively.

Ms. Dedrick said the loggers "just want the law (requiring the EIR's) to go away."

During the demonstration, the loggers chanted "We Want Brown. We Want Brown." At the same time, 10 big timber trucks roared past the Capitol in parade fashion with their horns blasting. Many of the timbermen had driven 800 miles to attend.

It was the first major demonstration against Brown since he became governor.

Unless something is done swiftly, the loggers complained, timber operations would come to a halt in communities already hard hit by unemployment. A slowdown in the home construction industry has idled about 80 per cent of the loggers, resulting in a 20 per cent unemployment rate in rural Northern California.

Following the Jan. 14 court ruling, Ms. Dedrick issued emergency timber regulations designed to prevent delays in logging operations and at the

same time protect the environment.

Snodderly, executive director of Associated California Loggers, said he opposed the "hastily prepared" regulations because "most timber operations will still have to file full environmental impact reports."

Bill Stall, the governor's press secretary, said Ms. Dedrick decided not to appeal the ruling because she thought it would be upheld. He also said the emergency regulations would result in quick state approval of about half of the 250

timber cutting plants that were blocked by the court action.

The Humboldt County Superior Court ruling declared that timber cutting was subject to the California Environmental Quality Act which requires environmental impact reports on major new projects.

New cutting already had been bogged down by a new state law requiring that timber harvesting plans be approved by the state Division of Forestry. About 250 such plans currently are before the divisions.

Day in Sacramento

Monday In Sacramento

By United Press International

The Governor

Bird — Appointed Agriculture and Services Secretary Rose Bird as temporary director of the Industrial Relations Department to put it on a "firm fiscal basis."

Agri—Appointed former rancher, logger and UC Berkeley agricultural economist Tim Wallace as director of the state Department of Food and Agriculture.

The Senate

Passed

Drugs—Allows the state to extend advance payment of federal funds to keep local drug rehabilitation centers operating. (AB424-Berman, D-Beverly Hills. 28-2. To governor.)

Introduced Doctors—Requires physicians to disclose in writing if they have a financial interest in a laboratory before referring patients for treatment. (SB340-Smith, D-Saratoga.)

PUC—A four-bill package prohibiting utility companies from enclosing political advertisements with their rate bills; requiring audits by the Public Utilities Commission of all utility agencies every three years, and requiring the PUC to meet publicly when deciding rate changes. (SB333-36-Alquist, D-San Jose.)

Remap—Provides for the state Supreme Court to reapportion legislative and congressional election districts if the legislature fails to do so by September 1 after a federal census. (SCA18-Stull, R-Lecu-

dia.)

The Assembly

Committees

Finance, Insurance and Commerce

Approved

Moves — Would move the headquarters of the Public Utilities Commission from San Francisco to Sacramento. (AB287-Lewis, R-Highland. 8-3. To Ways and Means.)

Introduced

Helmets — Requires motorcyclists and passengers to wear state-approved safety helmets and eye protection. (AB658-Carpenter, D-Cypress.)

Tolls — Permits use of up to \$150 million in surplus bridge tolls for the development of local rapid transit. (AB664 — Foran, D-San Francisco.)

Introduced

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. replaced Monday as depart-

Auditor urges milk price rollback

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Legislative Auditor General Harvey Rose has proposed a rollback in milk prices as at least a partial refund to consumers for a \$55 million mistake which benefitted dairymen.

Rose charged that the Department of Food and Agriculture last year overestimated dairy farmer production costs when it approved a five-cent per half-gallon price increase that took effect April 1.

In a report released Monday, he asserted the department became aware of the miscalculation in July but failed to correct it.

C. Brunel Christensen, whom Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. replaced Monday as depart-

ment director, said in remarks included in the report that the additional \$55 million received by producers through the increase "has now been completely justified through inflation."

Christensen, a holdover ap-

pointee of former Gov. Ronald Reagan, was replaced by University of California at Berkeley agricultural economist Tim Wallace. However, Christensen will stay on with the department temporarily as a "consultant."

Rose, who works for the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, also recommended the abolition of the 40-year-old minimum wholesale and retail pricing program that now costs more than \$1 million annually to administer.

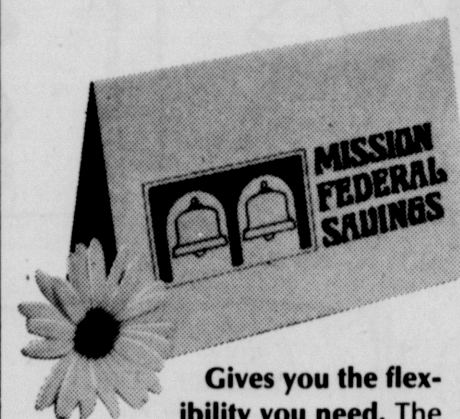
Several measures currently are pending in the legislature to end the program.

The state, through the department, sets minimum milk prices at the producer, wholesale and retail level. The average statewide cost of a gallon of milk has increased from 54 cents in 1973 to 71 cents currently.

The auditor general said the department used information provided by the dairy industry to determine production costs.

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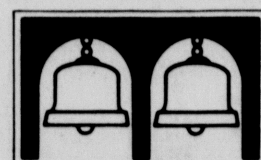
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's good to be optimistic regarding the outcome of events. It's equally important that your optimism is based upon fact.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A worthwhile opportunity will come through another. If you're not on the ball, you'll not realize its full benefits.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Weigh issues carefully before making decisions or you're likely to make an error in judgment difficult to rectify.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Work now for that which offers you an immediate return for your efforts, rather than banking on what the future may bring.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be disappointed with some friends at this time if you expect more than they can give. Appreciate them for themselves.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be of service because you're needed, not because you think it will impress another. A job well done is your reward.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have some good ideas but don't depend on others to supply the muscle. Success comes only if you do it yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You still have impractical urges to spend beyond your means. Pull in your horns today or you'll be sorry.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have a tendency today to exaggerate a bit. It may make a more colorful tale, but you won't be believed.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be generous within reasonable bounds to one who needs your help now. Don't boast of your noble deed.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You still have to keep a tight rein financially. Don't spend foolishly for things unessential

to your practical needs.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't deal in half-measures now or perform less than you know you're capable of. Set your sights on victory.

your birthday
Feb. 5, 1975
You will make two interesting friends this year. Both will add lustre and zest to your life. One will stimulate your creative interests; the other, how to gain knowledge.
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♠ Q J 10 8
♥ K 6 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ K 8 4

WEST
♠ 9 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ J 9 3

EAST
♠ 6 2
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q 10 5 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K 7 5 4
♥ Q 10
♦ J 9 3
♣ A 7 6

Both vulnerable

chance to go wrong. He drew trumps with two leads and threw West in with his last diamond.
West had to decide between a club and a heart lead. Had he guessed the club South might well have gone down two, but as happens so often, West guessed wrong and led the four of hearts.
This took care of all South's problems in hearts and clubs and he made his rather doubtful contract.
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CARD Sense

The bidding has been: 4

West North East South
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 1 ♠
Pass Pass Pass 4 ♠
Opening lead — 2 ♦

By Oswald & James Jacoby

Things started out badly for South. East's king of diamonds held the first trick and he returned the eight. South could play either the jack or nine of diamonds, but whichever one he played would be covered by West. So South could count two diamond losers, plus the ace of hearts and a possible club.
He could handle that club loser by leading a heart toward his hand and finessing the 10 spot. If East held the jack, South's contract would come home; if East didn't, South would be only one down because while he would lose two hearts he would be able to get rid of his losing club later.
South didn't like this play and decided to give the opponents a

West North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 5 ♠ Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♦ K J 5 4 ♠ A Q 8 2
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The Bermuda Cup

Pros stoop to amateur signals in world bridge classic

By Oswald Jacoby

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda — (NEA) — Here is one of the hands that caused all the ruckus. It is from the world championship bridge tournament in Bermuda and the accusations of cheating have hit the front pages of major newspapers throughout the country.

This hand is from the first night of competition, Friday, Jan. 24. The members of the French bridge team sat North and South while two new members of the Italian team, defending its world title, sat East and West. On this particular hand Gianfranco Facchini sat East while Sergio Zucchelli sat West.

The monitor that night was Bruce Keidan, a correspondent for the Philadelphia Inquirer. He was the first official to recognize any irregularity. He noticed Facchini tap his partner firmly on the toes during six of the 16 hands played. Three other officials noted similar movements on the following day.

A member of the French team, sitting South, was the dealer. He opened the bidding with a standard one notrump. North's reply was a two-diamond Jacoby transfer bid which asked his partner to bid the next highest suit. South obliged with two hearts, putting the final contract in the stronger hand. This is the primary purpose of the Jacoby transfer.

Zucchelli opened the 10 of spades, a most unusual lead in view of his club holding. This lead held the contract to just four tricks. A club lead, on the other hand, permits South to take the first trick with his ace

and dump the lone spade loser from dummy on his king of clubs, giving declarer an extra trick. On this hand, the Italian team only picked up one IMP (International Match Point). If North held one more spade, the different leads could have spelled the difference between making the contract and being set. In this vulnerable situation it would have meant a shift of 12 IMPs.

NORTH
♠ 2
♥ Q J 8 6 5 3
♦ J 9 7 5 3
♣ 2

EAST
♠ A K 8 5
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 2
♣ K 10 6 5 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ Q J 7 6
♥ K 10 7
♦ A 8
♣ A K 8 4

Both vulnerable

West North East South
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — 10 ♠

Twelve IMPs could easily change the team standings. It was on this hand and others that the World Bridge Federation resolved that Facchini and Zucchelli be severely reprimanded for improper conduct in respect to Facchini's moving his feet unnaturally and touching his partner's feet during the action and before the opening lead.

Starting Jan. 27, boards were installed beneath tables to prevent foot signalling for the remainder of tournament play.

As a mathematician who didn't witness any of the displays of "footies," I do not believe the many inspired leads could have been made merely from the bidding which took place on the questioned hands.

The questioned hands were those where officials witnessed foot signals. Time and again the leads were unusual and just what the partner would "order" if he were permitted to do so.

These charges in no way incriminate the other skilled experts of the Italian team, headed by Giorgio Belladonna and Benito Carosso, two former members of the famed Italian Blue Team. The other two new members, Arturo Franco and Vito Tittale, appeared to be very skilled and talented bridge experts. In no way should this reflect on their outstanding play.

The tournament has been hosted beautifully by the Bermuda officials. On the other hand, I find the World Bridge Federation has been lax on limiting the length of play permitted. The U.S. team representing North America, along with Brazil representing South America, have held their play within logical time limits. The Indonesians, representing Asia, and the Italians, representing Europe, have been permitted to run far over the scheduled time limits.

The North American team had previously stated they would withdraw from the tournament if the Italian team was not banned from the competition. Louis Mathe of the American Contract Bridge League, Edgar Kaplan (both former world champions) and myself, captain of two championship teams, convinced members of the U.S. team they should remain in the competition under protest. Under these conditions the U.S. team met the Italians for the first time Jan. 27.

The bidding screens were used for the first time in the world championship matches, mainly to prevent any accusations of cheating. But as I stated before the tournament: "Don't bet on it!" In bridge anything can happen and usually does. That's what makes it the classic game it is.

I'm just sorry it might reflect on the other four members of the Italian team, who have displayed some of the best in expert play and bidding. For one who assisted in breaking the Japanese code in World War II, I regret that the two members of the Italian team, Facchini and Zucchelli, were so unimaginative as to use a code that must have prevailed in the earliest neighborhood bridge games. Surely in expert play, we should be entitled to something a little more sophisticated.

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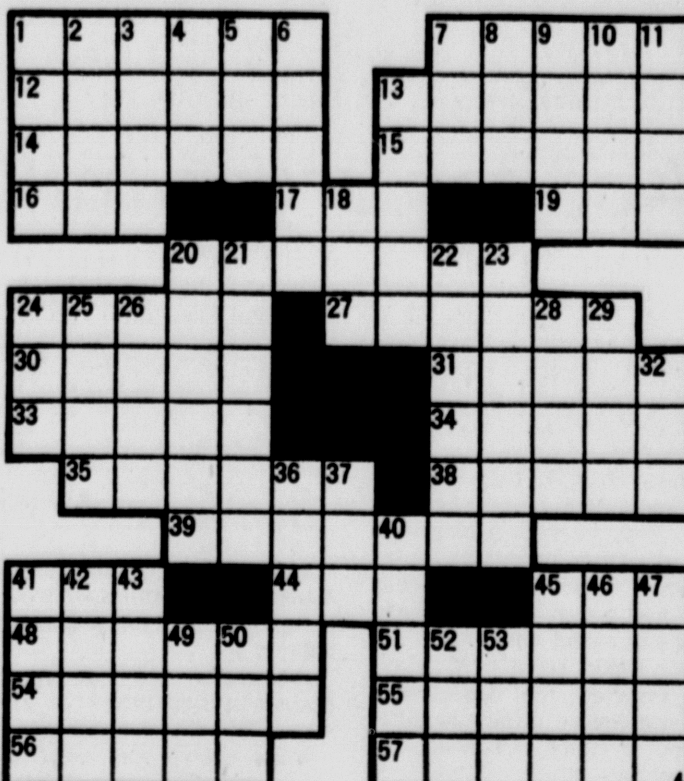
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ACROSS
1 Canal Zone district
7 Pacific, for instance
12 Standards of perfection
13 Scanty
14 Washes lightly
15 Pitiful
16 Sot's malady (col.)
17 Guido's note
19 Philippine peasant
20 Confiner
24 Star (comb. form)
27 African fly
30 Playing card
31 Gluts
33 Girl's name
34 Cultivates
35 Seesaw
36 Eaten away
39 Causes to remember
41 Health resort
44 Wedding

DOWN
45 Box score abbreviation
48 Occupant
51 Panamanian gulf
54 Gets up
55 Makes into law
56 Harass
57 Wisest
1 Sparrow, for one
2 Mine entrance
3 Camera part
4 Roulette wager
5 Spanish cheer
6 Property item
7 Unclose (poet.)
8 Automobile
9 Formerly (archaic)
10 Sailing
11 Roman
21 Spotted
22 Packed in a graduated series
23 Series of steps
24 Took food
25 Seasoning
26 Woody plant
28 French city (2 wds.)
29 Lampreys
32 Compass point
36 Ejects
37 Discumber
40 Complications
41 Wound with a dirk
42 Packed in a graduated series
43 Cuckoo blackbirds
45 Oriental foodstuff
46 Wagers
47 Present month (ab.)
49 Peer Gyn's mother
50 Seine
52 Collection of quotes
53 Tatter

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ITEMS
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Political early bird

GILFORD, N.H. — (NEA) — When, following schedule, the Morris Udall presidential campaign stopped at a home here for a reception, there was naught but embarrassed confusion. The home looked deserted, the front walk was covered with snow and there were no cars of the faithful to be seen. "Well," said a Udall aide, miffed but hopeful while he whistled for inside attention, "we are a bit early."

Early — and how. There are no records for this kind of thing save memory, but it appears the congressman from Arizona has established a record for premature presidential electioneering. It is 14 months until New Hampshire holds the first primary, almost two years until the national balloting, but here he is shaking hands and begging votes. "I want to restore leadership," he says. Yak, yak, yak and yawn.

At that, Udall's but one of many suiting up before the game commences. Jerry Ford announced his intentions to make a legitimate bid for the office last year, former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris has been sniffing New Hampshire trails for months, Henry Jackson has come, Lloyd Bentsen, Jimmy Carter — and any number of others who forage in secrecy. "Every weekend it's someone else," says a local, "senators, congressmen, governors, Oscar Weinermeyer of Oshkosh — God knows there's still plenty of time to get more candidates than voters."

The natives, to be sure, don't normally mind. Incoming politicos drop dollars into the economy, create publicity which does things for the tourism industry — and besides, some of the candidates are more fun than the freakhouses at the state fair. Says an observer: "We had this one guy come up one year who was so dumb he didn't know the state borders. He spent a whole morning in one town, smiling and waving to all, before he found out the place was in Vermont."

Yet if this kind of activity can be fully appreciated during an election year, it strains interest one year before. Udall is drawing scant crowds and Harris does little more than upset the population with schemes to the left of George McGovern. What's more, says Carroll County Democratic Chairman Don Ekberg, "This early, all they do is screw up the party organization."

When they come in so far in advance of reality, Ekberg reasons, candidates tear at the unity of small state politics. The result is that friends side against friends, resources are taxed and enthusiasm is wounded.

But the precocious candidates are undaunted. Udall, in fact, makes light of years past when he criticized presidential hopefuls for starting too early. His sudden switch in philosophy he says, "Only shows that the older you get, the wiser you get."

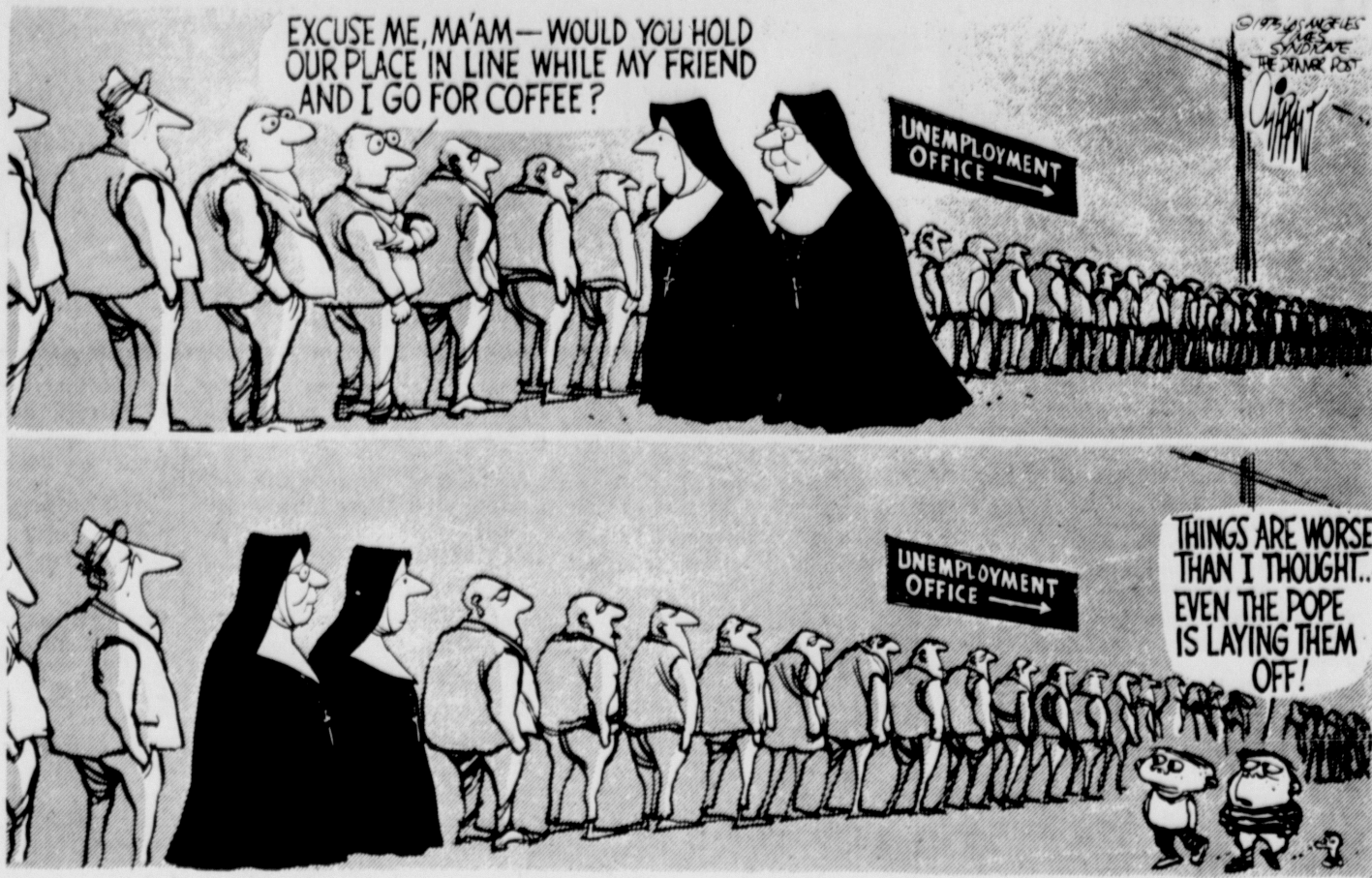
Udall claims the lesson of recent American politics is that the nation needs new leaders and they can't be created by people going to the library and reading biographies. "We (the new leaders) have to get out and mingle. We have to be seen," he says. The oldies have the edge in recognition, Udall insists, and would unfairly retain it if early campaigning were forbidden.

The Udall point is correct but it rings with a dull thud because of circumstantial political realities. If the new leaders were showing New Hampshire new truths or politics this early, the contribution would be of greater value. Instead, Mo Udall looks greatly like Ed Muskie, Fred Harris has somewhat of a rhetorical resemblance to Ben Spock, and Lloyd Bentsen, though a new face nationally, looks, sounds, and acts like the rich Texan he is.

For all of their fresh identities, early campaigners here have lacked fresh insights — Harris wants to tax the rich and spare the poor. If the newboys are no more imaginative than the oldboys, early entry is a sham.

Still, the candidates push on, energetically if not wisely. Brochures, posters, interviews, 12-hour days, caravans, ho-hum. Why? "To be a good president," says Udall, "you've got to be good and you've got to be president." It's the kind of thing face Harry Truman might have said, and probably did.

But never mind. The fact is there is another element in primary politics this time. Jealous of the attention New Hampshire receives at primary time, Vermont is now contemplating holding its primary on the same date, which of course would prompt New Hampshire to advance its race at least a week, which might well force similar legislation by Vermont — and before we know it, says Mo Udall, "the first primary may be next month" and all this earliness would make some sense.



LOMPOC RECORD

OPINIONS

The Record's aim is to present facts in its news columns and opinions in its editorial columns.

Balloons and politics

"Trial balloons" are as much a part of the American political scene as are news conferences and categoric denials.

Every politician uses the trial balloon in an effort to get feedback from fellow politicians and the electorate about some scheme or another he wishes to push.

Usually, the way it works is that the idea will be mentioned to the media. When the concept is released to the masses, feedback gives the politician either a red light or green light and further action then takes place. We have seen quite a number of trial

balloons in recent years, including one suggesting a 30 cent tax-per-gallon of gas. The resultant uproar gave the administration pause for thought and the tax was revised downward.

More recently, we have seen two other trial balloons which should give the American people pause for thought.

Last week, out of San Clemente and the Nixon compound came word, via Senator Barry Goldwater, that Richard M. Nixon wanted to be a spokesman for the Republican party. The news was greeted with little humor

by fellow Republicans and party leaders all across the country, if in fact it was submitted as a joke. Apparently, Nixon got the message because this week he came up with yet another idea ... that of being named U.S. Ambassador to China.

Luckily, so far the former President has only made this suggestion known to intimates, such as Time magazine, and it still lies within the realm of his admitted fantasies. But the balloon has been sent up nonetheless, and we hope there is no paucity of pins in Washington to deal with it.

Graphs by Vaughn Proctor

Stubchaer comes through

Not long ago I mentioned that only six persons were in the audience for a recent meeting of the Fourth Supervisorial District Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Things have apparently gone down hill since then because I see a more recent meeting drew only four persons.

Some notes on the latter meeting which was held on Jan. 23, struck me as being of more than passing interest.

County flood control chief James Stubchaer was the guest speaker, according to Leslie McFadden, county planning aide.

Here are some things he had to say: The January and February 1969 flood approximated a 60-year flood more than a 100-year flood. Old timers may recall the 100-year designation was used immediately after the flood.

The major thrust for the flood came from the overflowing of the Santa Ynez River rather than from an accumulation of water from local streams. Details on all this come from Ms. McFadden. It is interesting to note that six years after the flood we're still talking about it.

She has Stubchaer saying that if Cachuma Dam failed, meaning I suppose that if it gave way for some reason, the City of Lompoc would not be flooded. Also if Juncal or Gibraltar Dams were to collapse due to some seismological disturbance, the escaping waters could be caught and stored in the extra storage capacity of Cachuma, although there is no flood control capacity in the design of the facility.

Stubchaer thinks flood hazard acts as a restraint on urban development rather than on farming.

There was one closing bit of information on the devastating flood: "The 1970 Corps of Engineers study tells the history of the 1969 Santa Ynez River flood. Countywide, the cost of the cleanup was approximately \$17 million." Substitute that figure for all



the previous figures that have been used.

The storm last weekend brought all this to mind. It also reminded yours truly of a piece I did several years ago based on remarks by Stubchaer on an electronic system for monitoring rainfall, its impact on the soil and secondarily on stream flow.

All that was only a proposal then, but some of it is already functioning. It was fascinating to learn that North American Weather Consultants had a little gimmick on a pole just south of Lompoc that measures the rainfall and transmits the data to Santa Barbara. Teledata is now working on a complex system for providing all kinds of hydrological data on the Santa Ynez River and on the surrounding lands.

It must be six years since that early piece on Stubchaer's remarks. That gives some idea about the time it takes to bring about change. The new system will be in place next fall.

There's not much information on it but the statistics gained in Stubchaer's new program could be used in many, many ways. I can see Tom Stetson's slide rule curling up at the toes in satisfaction with the new development. Stetson, of course is an engineering consultant for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

Friends of the Public Library will find an experimental program Saturday night in the library with the appearance of A. Richard Immel, feature writer for the Wall Street Journal. Immel who hails out of the newspaper's San Francisco bureau will discuss the quirks of his trade and specifically the body of material that

for one reason or another didn't make it into print.

BITS AND PIECES: Look for a concerted bid soon for the establishing of a public relations function in the school district with the advent of the new superintendent. ...Monday there were a variety of efforts behind the scenes to get J-M and the chemical workers union back to the bargaining table. Each side was watching the other closely meanwhile for some signs of a change in position that could signal bait for compromise...

Barbed barbs

Why is it you can always run someone else's business better than they can?

The CIA is whispered to have installed a Capitol cloak-and-dagger room.

Try telling a man who is out of work that all we're experiencing is a "recession."

Berry's World



Cruel hoax

WASHINGTON — The Ford switchback system, giving with one hand and taking away with the other, works its cruelest hoax on those least able to bear the burden.

The President proposes to raise the price of food stamps going to 17 million persons at the lowest income level. The benefits they would get from a tax cut or perhaps from income payments would be wiped out by a rise in the cost of the stamps.

This food supplement makes the difference, particularly for the elderly, between existence and something like starvation.

The rapid increase in the number of eligibles under a careful screening process is a measure of the deepening recession. The jump was nearly two million in December and the curve is steadily upward.

The President has ordered that across the board each person must pay 30 per cent of his or her income for food stamps. To be eligible, a household of four must have a monthly income of under \$513 and resources of whatever kind of less than \$1,500.

The screening process involves so much paper work in state-administered plans that many who might be eligible do not try to qualify. Possibly another 15 million could qualify and under the pressure of rising costs for rent, heat and the other necessities of life list is certain to grow.

Currently, the poorest recipients pay as little as five per cent of their income while the average is 23 per cent. The President's proposal would save \$650 million in the next fiscal year and \$325 million in the remaining months of the current year.

For all the red tape in determining eligibility, the plan is essentially a simple one. An eligible family of four buys \$154 worth of food stamps a month. The price paid, 25 per cent of income, represents a bonus of perhaps 10 to 15 per cent. The stamps are taken to the grocery store where they are given for whatever food the recipient chooses just as though they were money.

Even with the bonus provided by the stamps, a family of four must spend an estimated 40 per cent of income for food.

And no one can pretend that this puts a nutritionally adequate diet on the table. Only 10 per cent at this bottom level get a sufficient diet.

The increase to 30 per cent ordered by the President will go into effect on March 1 unless Congress acts before that time. Sen. George McGovern, whose Committee on Nutrition led the way in exploring hunger in America, has put in a bill to hold percentages of income at present levels with the maximum charge reduced from 30 to 25 per cent. The measure has 45 co-sponsors including Sen. Hugh Scott, the minority leader, and several other Republicans.

McGovern is confident the Senate will act before the deadline and he has had assurances of favorable action by the House. The amount that would be saved is minuscule alongside the billions that go for other purposes, notably the proposed \$90 billion defense budget.

We have heard a lot about hunger in India, Bangladesh and Africa. Starvation comes to grisly life on the television screen as living skeletons wait in vain for a bowl of gruel. The scale is so large and the passivity of the victims so pervasive that the atmosphere is one of hopeless resignation.

Specialists who should know estimate 30 million to 40 million persons are hungry in America. But we hide our hunger. It is an old man or an old woman rifling a garbage pail or buying a can of dog food which will be made to last for two or three meals.

Hunger in pregnant women and infants is seen in birth defects including mental retardation that will be a life-time handicap. Something is being done about this last through a government organization called Women, Infants,



Children. Supplemental feeding is being provided under careful medical supervision for 635,000 women and children.

The origins of President Ford's proposal to boost the cost of food stamps to the poor are cloudy. The tendency is to blame that popular villain, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, whose department has the say-so on food and nutrition. A candidate given credit by those in the know is Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget. But the President took it and short of action by Congress his order will prevail.

E. G. Waters

State building

The dismal economic outlook which greeted California's new Governor Jerry Brown put a pall on the otherwise festive ceremonies which go with an incoming regime. It was not improved by Brown's unveiling of his budget.

The matter of paring expenses in government is one which should be continuous and not reserved for bad times. It is obvious that Brown put forth a Herculean effort in cutting back expenditures in the perilous economic situation which presents the paradox of soaring prices in the face of massive unemployment.

Most of them will be accepted by the Legislature but there is some indication of feeling that he went in the wrong direction on construction. The state has many critical building needs and there is much sentiment that, because of the massive unemployment, now is the time to meet them.

The Governor made it clear he fully appreciates the extent of unemployment and stated he would "use to the fullest the millions of dollars available to put Californians back to work." Evidently he was thinking more in terms of federal funds which have been made available for public employment.

But there are those who believe tackling the building needs now is a better way. Unlike the government jobs which appear to have too many "busy work" aspects, construction projects fulfill both the employment needs and the achievement of things with continuing public benefit.

According to State Building Trades President James Lee 35 per cent of the construction workers are unemployed and this rises to more than 50 per cent in some locales.

Much could be done without any strain on the general fund. Last year the voters approved a \$250 million bond issue for parks. Only \$25 million of the bonds have been sold and the agency presently has \$10 million appropriated for development, \$7 million of which would be spent on labor. That is estimated to provide 60,000 man days of work. Another \$60 million or 360,000 more man days would be provided if the bonds were sold and the state accelerated the five year park improvement program.

Parks does not offer the only opportunity to get state buildings underway. The number of state agencies leasing space in the Capitol City alone indicates the need for three new office buildings at about \$60 million total or another 360,000 man days of work. Also there are the long stalled needs for new Archives and Supreme Court buildings and maybe a library. Already it has been agreed there is a need for office buildings in Los Angeles and San Jose.

There are other building needs of the prisons and state hospitals and the colleges.

A \$500 million surplus has been estimated for the current budget year. This faces the danger of being wiped out by the loss of revenues due to drops in personal and corporate incomes and retail sales and by increases in the numbers on welfare.

If the state vigorously pursued its building needs it would diminish the welfare rolls and reduce the tax revenue losses.

Speaker Leo McCarthy, who was generally pleased with the Governor's budget, expressed disagreement with the construction cutbacks. He prefers to use available money for building rather than welfare which offers no lasting benefits to the public.

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Rhyme time

NO COMPLAINT

I've had a touch of "what's going around."
It's called, "twenty-four hour flu."
I'm lucky, I guess, not to be below ground:
Mine lasted for seventy-two!

— Eugene McAllister